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Greek life sanctioned

By SHARON SCHIFF
NEWS EDITOR

JMU's 22 social fraternities and sororities are in the process of resolving risk management violations which include infractions regarding insurance policies and alcohol from the spring semester.

Mike Citro, coordinator of student organization services for fraternity/sorority life, and Kristin Muncy, director of the university unions for student organization services said they received information of these violations during the summer from a campus friend. Muncy said they pursued the concern and then addressed the issue to all 22 chapters.

Some of the violations included underage drinking, providing alcohol and failure to use guest lists and wristbands. While the occurrences can not be directed at specific organizations, all fraternities and sororities are working

together to create clearer guidelines in order to prevent similar violations in the future.

Muncy said mistakes were made, however all members have been made aware of the situation. "Some groups made mistakes, they are acknowledging them and making changes," Muncy said. They are on the right track and I am pleased with the group."

Citro and Muncy are working together with all of the social fraternities and sororities to remedy the problem. Citro and Muncy said they want to have the presidents of each chapter work with one another to address the specific violations and create uniformed sanctions that can apply to all the chapters. "Chapters will come together," Citro said.

A statement released by Citro and Muncy said all violators will be held responsible for their actions. As a result of the violations, student organization service

es has imposed sanctions. These sanctions include social suspension until Oct. 1, educational programs, research projects as well as the creation of an alumni advisory committee for chapters that don't already have one.

According to Citro's and Muncy's statement, "It has been made explicitly clear to the fraternities and sororities that they will be held accountable for their actions and any subsequent violation of their national or campus policies."

The statement also included Citro's and Muncy's vision for Greek life on JMU's campus. "Our goal is to promote and advance a fraternity and sorority community that embraces and models the core values of leadership, scholarship, service and character."

Mark Warner, senior vice president of student affairs and university planning expressed concern

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EVAN DYSON/staff photographer

Social fraternities and sororities are under social suspension until the first of October.

New laws aim at underaged

By RACHANA DIXIT
SENIOR WRITER

A series of new laws regarding underage drinking were passed by the 2005 Virginia General Assembly, and have been in effect since July 1.

The first law, which refers to underage drinking and the possession of alcohol, states that any person under 21 who consumes, obtains, possesses or purchases alcohol will be charged with a class one misdemeanor. If found guilty, the person will be required to pay a minimum fine of \$500, perform a minimum of 50 hours of community service, and may have his or her driver's license suspended for up to one year.

If a person assists in providing alcohol to an underage person, he or she will also be charged with a class one misdemeanor and may have his or her driver's license suspended for up to one year.

The second law specifically mentions underage alcohol purchase. If a person purchases alcohol for someone who is underage, intoxicated or interdicted and is convicted, the person's driver's license may be suspended for up to one year as well.

These new laws, along with other alcohol related sanctions that have been passed by the Virginia General Assembly in past years, have encouraged various groups at JMU and in Harrisonburg to educate people of all ages about the different laws, alcohol abuse and its prevention.

The Harrisonburg Police Department has been holding a program in Harrisonburg schools called "Class Action," a state program where police officers will educate high school and middle schools students about certain laws that apply to that age group. Lt. Kurt Boshart of Harrisonburg Police said as the laws change, the program gets modified.

"It has pretty good effects," Boshart said.

Boshart pointed out that people need to look at what is causing the General Assembly to pass stricter laws regarding alcohol. Once the causes are discovered, then the laws may be more effective.

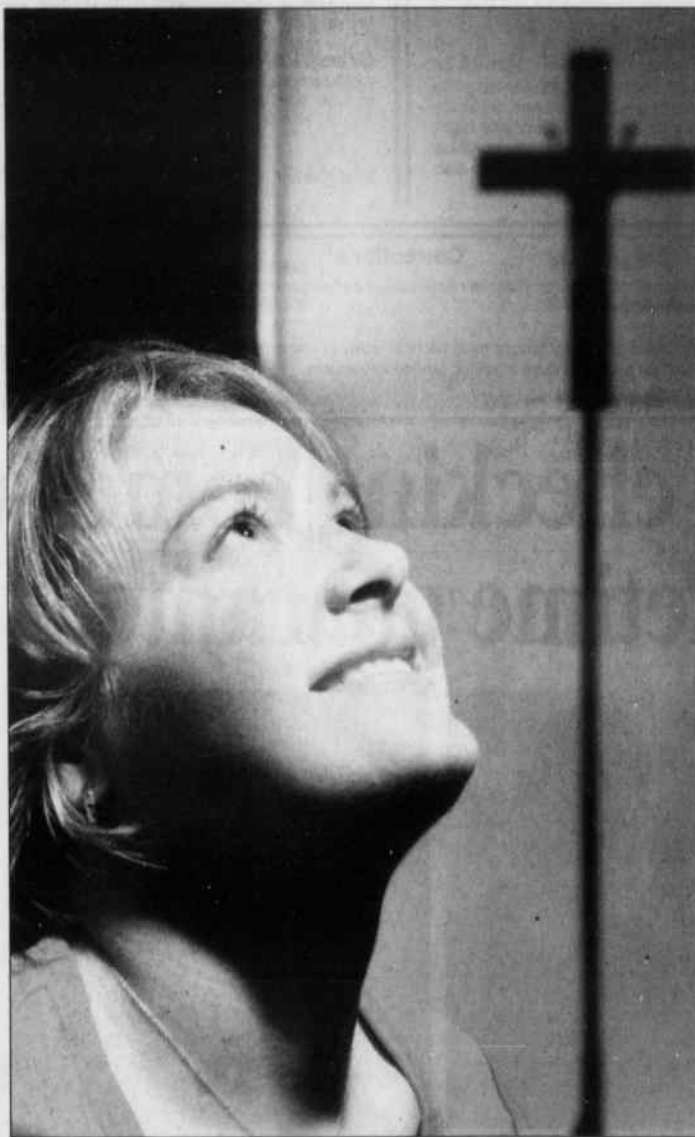
"Alcohol laws and penalties are a serious issue," Boshart said. However, Boshart said there have not been as many alcohol-related charges as in previous years.

Groups on campus, such as reality educators advocating campus health, or the R.E.A.C.H. program, has been holding peer-to-peer educational programs on a wide range of subjects, including alcohol awareness. Kristin Gardner, coordinator for peer programs at the University Health Center, said, "Peer-to-peer education is very effective."

R.E.A.C.H.'s biggest program of the year, The Duke is Right, specifically provides knowledge about alcohol awareness to first year students during orientation. "We provide them with the tools for them to make safe and healthy decisions, and find the appropriate resource," Gardner said. R.E.A.C.H. also holds an alcohol awareness program every semester for GKIN 100 classes, and attempts to hold a few passport events.

The Community Coalition on Alcohol Abuse is another group that works within JMU and Harrisonburg to educate people on alcohol abuse and its prevention. Hillary Wing-Richards, a co-chair of the Coalition, said the Coalition's members get involved with anything to do with alcohol

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CASEY TEMPLETON/staff photographer

Megan Thomas took over as director of Catholic Campus Ministry on Aug. 1. Her predecessor, Father John Grace, held the position for 16 years. Though the two are said to be different, they both have clear visions of what they wanted CCM to be.

Ministry finds new director

By KATIE O'DOWD
STAFF WRITER

There is a friendly new face at the Catholic Campus Ministry this year.

Megan Thomas became the director of the Catholic Campus Ministry on Aug. 1, replacing Father John Grace.

Father John served as a priest and campus minister for 16 years, working with JMU students to develop a positive Catholic organization devoted to community service and student leadership.

"Father John really understood JMU and it was fun to work with someone who knew more about the school than I did," said junior Matt Arduini, student campus minister at CCM.

The current organization and structure of CCM can be traced to Father John. "CCM is a fun blend of structure and flexibility," Arduini said. "He had a lot of input, but it wasn't all about him. He understood what student leadership is all about."

Thomas met Father John at the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute conference in 2004 and worked on his team for the 2005 conference. Father John approached Thomas about filling his vacancy at JMU.

"[Father John and Thomas] are so different. But they both know what's going on — their vision is clear."

Raised Presbyterian in Gochen, Indiana, Thomas converted to Catholicism as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame. She quickly became involved in the Catholic Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, accepting a staff position after graduation in 2004. Thomas helped run confirmation programs and organize retreats.

After working with Father John, Thomas decided to continue her involvement at CCM and accept the director position at JMU.

"JMU is different from other CCM organizations because it is almost completely student run," Thomas said. "It is very empowering for students."

Thomas will be in charge of all budgets and finances, as well as programming and leadership development.

"[Thomas] is fun to work with," senior Maureen Pfahler, assistant student campus minister, said. "She has a great personality and leadership style."

Thomas will face challenges in her new position, especially because there will not be a priest on campus regularly as their was in the past.

Father Rolo Castillo will be the priest at the three masses on campus. He also is a pastor at Holy Infant in Elkton and at a parish in Green County.

"Our position ties into the Church because there are not a lot of priests right now," Arduini said. "Priests are traditionally leaders, so we have to figure out how to do things in productive ways [without a priest around on a regular basis]."

Thomas hopes to approach these challenges by preserving the strong structure of CCM, while still trying new things. "We will look and reevaluate what's important to best serve the JMU

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Controversial emergency pill may go OTC

By KRISTEN GREEN
NEWS EDITOR

The morning-after pill was expected to become an over-the-counter drug today, but a government agency said it needs another 60 days before making a final decision.

The morning-after pill, or Plan B, has been approved to go over-the-counter to those 16 or 17 and older since 2003. However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has pushed back its decision deadline to January.

The decision will be an unprecedented one for the government agency, because it is the first time a prescription drug has been sold at the same size and strength over-the-counter as it was in a prescription, said Susan Cruzan, public affairs specialist for the FDA.

Carol Cox, corporate spokeswoman for Barr Laboratories, the company which manufactures Plan B, said, "The FDA has called for a 60-day comment period regarding any drug (not only Plan B) to be considered to be sold as both a prescription and an OTC product in the same strength. It is not possible at this point to determine how long it will

take for FDA to make a determination regarding this kind of product."

Plan B is emergency contraception and acts as a backup to birth control. The pills have one of the same active ingredients as prescription birth control pills; only Plan B has a much higher amount and is taken differently.

If it does go over-the-counter, we're not going to do anything differently than what we're doing now as far as distribution.

— Lois Kauffman
assistant director for clinical operation
University Health Center

The pills are currently available to anyone through a prescription. Coming in the form of two .75 mg pills that are taken by mouth within 72 hours after unprotected sex, Plan B can reduce the

risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent after a single act of unprotected sex.

The pills contain levonorgestrel, a synthetic hormone of progesterin, which works by either stopping ovulation, preventing fertilization or preventing implantation. Plan B pills do not work like RU-486, the abortion pill: If a fertilized egg is implanted in the uterus prior to taking Plan B, the pills won't abort the pregnancy.

"If it does go over-the-counter, we're not going to do anything differently than what we're doing now as far as distribution," said Lois Kauffman, assistant director for clinical operation at the University Health Center. "We're not going to do anything to make it more difficult."

"We definitely care about our students. That's why we're here. We're going to do to help them lead healthy lives."

Ann Simmons, coordinator of health promotion for the health center, said that once Plan B becomes OTC, the health center will no longer carry it because it is not a prescription.

"It will definitely impact the cost to students

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Poster Perfect

Freshman Leigh Osborne flips through a collection of posters at a poster sale held in Transitions Tuesday.

DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Christian Student Union

Come feed your stomach and your soul Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Christian Student Union's first Praise & Worship! It's located at the Baptist Student Center (711 S. Main St.) on the corner of Main and Cantrell. For more info or a ride, contact Meagan Fox at fox2ma.

Center for Multicultural Student Services

CMSS presents positive and thought-provoking entertainment through the art of poetry Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Festival Conference and Student Center Grand Ballroom. Poets featured on HBO's hit series "Def Poetry Jam" will be performing "spoken word" covering topics ranging from love, race, religion and various other topics. The program is free and open to the public.

Student Organization Night

Get involved at JMU! Student Organization Night will be held Monday, Sept. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Convocation Center. This event highlights the 300 clubs and organizations recognized on campus. Student Organization Night is a Wellness Passport Event. The passport table will be set up inside entrance E of the Convo. Free food will also be available. Contact sos-clubs with questions.

POLICE LOG

By KRISTEN GREEN/ news editor

Property Damage

A JMU employee reports \$150 damage to a mirror and soap dispenser from a wall in a men's room of Potomac Hall on Aug. 25 between 9 and 11 a.m.

Possession of Marijuana

A JMU student was charged with possession of marijuana on Greek Row on Aug. 26 at 3:28 a.m.

Drunk in Public

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public at Village Lane on Aug. 26 at 11:50 p.m.

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public at Eagle Hall on Aug. 27 at 1:20 a.m.

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public at Village Lane on Aug. 28 at 1:32 a.m.

Drinking in Public

A non-student was charged with drinking in public on Village Lane on Aug. 27 at 1:30 a.m.

Drunk in Public/Underage Possession of Alcohol

A non-student was charged with drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol at Ikenberry Hall on Aug. 27 at 1:27 a.m.

Underage Possession of Alcohol

A non-student was charged with underage possession of alcohol on Aug. 27 at 3:23 a.m.

Underage Consumption

A JMU student was charged with underage consumption of alcohol at McGraw-Long Hall on Aug. 28 at 12:07 a.m.

A JMU student was charged with drunk in public and underage consumption of alcohol on Greek Row on Aug. 28 at 1:35 a.m.

Burglary

A JMU employee reports the theft of books totaling \$359 from Weaver Hall between Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 29 at 8:45 a.m.

Grand Larceny

A JMU employee reports the theft of a leather chair valued at \$300 from an office in Anthony-Seeger Hall between Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 8:45 a.m.

Total number of parking tickets since Aug. 29: 627

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Corrections

In the Aug. 29 issue, the article on the Kyger Funeral Home stated that Kyger must be out of the building by October. He has 20 months from October to move.

Also regarding the same article, public institutions have had the ability to use eminent domain for years. The Supreme Court ruling in June was about a specific case involving private developers.

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First-year students receive new housing *Rockingham Hall, Frederikson Hall to house freshmen in new living options*

By ASHLEY MCCLELLAND
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This year, for the first time, the Office of Residence Life placed freshman students into Rockingham Hall, off Port Republic Road, and Frederikson Hall, in the Village.

Approximately 300 more students accepted admission than what was projected, said Maggie Burkhart Evans, director of Residence Life.

"JMU is committed to housing all first year students, so we needed to find accommodations for everyone," she said.

Evans said Rockingham Hall previously was used as office space by the university because it was not needed for housing and was not up to fire code for residential use.

"The building underwent an extensive renovation this summer, and now meets or exceeds all local and Commonwealth fire codes," Evans said. "Many people across the JMU campus worked extremely hard this summer to renovate Rockingham, and we are very pleased with the outcome."

JMU has housed freshmen and upper-class students in Rockingham Hall on and off over the last 15 years, Evans said.

"The students and families were enthusiastic about [Rockingham]," she said. "They love the large rooms — 30 percent

larger than average JMU rooms — private bathrooms and carpeting," Evans said.

At orientation this summer, ORL offered freshmen the chance to request to be assigned to Rockingham Hall. A majority of the students living there currently asked for the assignment, 166 of the 220 residents.

"So, as you might guess, the overwhelming majority of the residents are pleased with their assignment," Evans said. "In fact, we are already getting requests from residents to be able to stay there next year."

Freshman Ajeet Ryatt, who lives in Rockingham Hall, said, "We are sort of isolated, but you get to know the people well. We also meet more upperclassmen."

Freshman Tasha Dunsey, also a resident of Rockingham Hall, said, "It's nice that when I wake up I don't have to wait in line for a shower or wear flip-flops, and we have AC in our rooms."

According to Evans, JMU has a long-term plan to add another 500 beds in the next few years. By opening Rockingham and Frederikson Halls, another 394 beds are available for freshmen students, Evans said. However, even with the extra beds, there are still 93 students living in 31 triple rooms.

"This is an average to low number the spaces in Rockingham allowed us to minimize the number of students in triples," Evans said. "De-tripling these rooms will be our first priority as space becomes available."



EVIN SHOAP/senior photographer

Freshman Ainslee Smith moves into his dorm Rockingham Hall on freshman move-in day August 24. Smith is one of the hall's approximately 220 residents.

Harrison Hall renovations yield positive support

By KAREN KELLY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It appears that the easiest way to make veteran professors and fifth-year seniors feel like lost freshmen is to combine two buildings and an annex after their renovations, organize it by four-digit classroom numbers and let everyone find their way around on the first few days of classes.

Elizabeth Pass, a technical & scientific communication professor, said her favorite part of the new Harrison Hall building is that it was made with same beautiful bluestone to fit in with the rest of the Quad.

Confusion abounded as students and professors searched for classrooms, but some professors didn't seem to mind.

Traci Pipkins, of the Writing Program, maintains that there are no more problems than expected from getting acclimated to a new building.

Many media arts and design and communication studies students would surely agree with senior Amy Rhodes, a media arts and design

and English major.

Rhodes said that the worst part about the Modular Buildings was the "isolation" from campus and the "long walk." Pipkins also mentioned the convenience of a building on the Quad in such a central location.

The Writing Program often operated with offices in locations such as Cleveland Hall, Anthony-Seeger Hall, Roop Hall and Stone House all at the same time, making program meetings and other scheduled communication compulsory.

Where there used to be four offices, now there are two. Now, under a single roof, the entire writing program, and TSC, SMAD and SCOM offices housed under one roof.

Not a novice to Harrison Hall, Pipkins remembers her former office on its first floor as an inside office comparable to "the hull of a ship" due to constant noise of air conditioners cutting on as well as the windowless dark atmosphere of the formerly cramped office.

Professors find the new building convenient because some previously felt isolated from their

colleagues, in and out of their own departments.

Another perk of brand new offices is the cleanliness. John Stone, an SCOM faculty member, said, "My office at the Modular Buildings was condemned due to mold." Now the building is full of clean, well-lit and refurbished classrooms and offices, he said.

SMAD professor David Wendelken said it was "kind of nice to be in a building where the floor doesn't squeak."

Wendelken has been with JMU for 30 years and seen SMAD go through many names and locations. Offices have "gone from a turkey hatchery, to a nursing dorm, to a former grade school, to a giant trailer to a bluestone building," according to Wendelken.

Clearly, the new building is a more preferable department home than any of the previous locations, and students appear to agree.

Pipkins took an informal poll in her class, the responses to which were for the most part positive. The only complaints were about narrow doorways to stairwells and the lack of signs

helping students find their way, problems that should die down as students learn the best way to find their classroom efficiently.

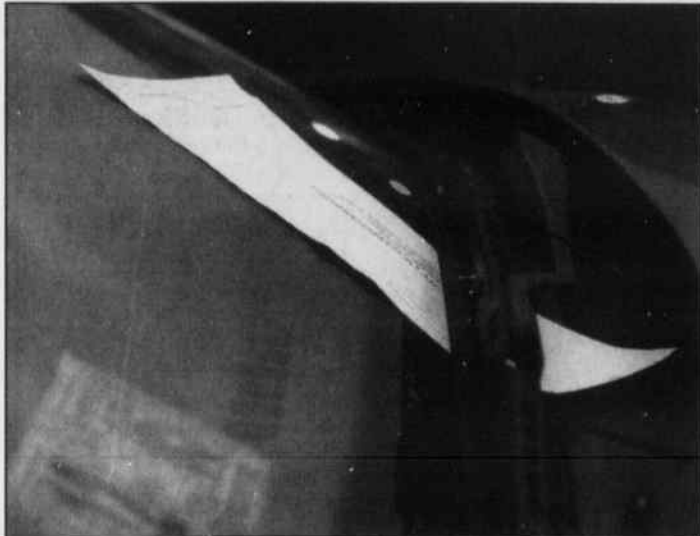
Wendelken said the only problem he found was a complete lack of cell phone service inside the building. He said it was a small price to pay for the working windows and new electrical and Internet wiring.

Stone had nothing but compliments for the new buildings, praising its updated equipment in the readily accessible, organized building. He also found that not only did they come up with a great design, but they also did "a great job of putting the design in effect."

One theme recurring in SMAD and SCOM students and professors was the lack of parking. People in these majors who previously had classes in the Modular Building were used to plentiful parking, which is now much harder to come by.

The move to the Quad will ensure convenience for students, making their scheduling easier without the stress of calculating long walks from the far side of campus, Wendelken said.

Passes, parking create problems



EVIN SHOAP/senior photographer

In South View, a student parks on a curb due to a lack of parking spaces (top). Also in South View, a student is ticketed when a parking spot was not available. Students have resorted to risking being ticketed and towed in the apartment complex because parking passes had not yet been handed out.

By COLLEEN SCHORN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While many off-campus students are concerned with parking near their classes, residents of South View Apartments are struggling to find parking near their homes.

For the past few nights, apartment residents have returned home from campus and evening activities to find every parking space already taken. In addition, cars have been parking in the fire lanes and in the grass.

Since these apartment complexes have not distributed parking passes to residents, there is no way to stop non-residents from parking in any space.

According to a statement released by South View Apartments through GMH Communities Trust, the company that owns the apartments, "it's customary for parking permits to be distributed to registered vehicles one week after move-in."

"It is completely unacceptable for South View to not have the passes ready in time for move-in."

— Lydia Oppe
South View resident

Also, the South View statement said that "any ticketing or towing that has recently occurred was done exclusively by the City of Harrisonburg and had absolutely nothing to do with South View Apartments."

Senior Lydia Oppe, who lives in South View, has been struggling to find a parking spot near her apartment.

"It is completely unacceptable for South View to not have the passes ready in time for move-in," Oppe said.

She went to the South View office to find out about parking and was told that the passes were in but hadn't been handed out because the office employees hadn't had time.

They also insisted that the previous owners, LB&J Limited, had left them with many bigger problems. One such problem being that some apartments were still without any furniture.

JMU students, alumni help cancer victims

'Therapeutic' summer camp provides fun free of charge

By KATIE KELLOGG
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This July marked the first year of Camp Unali, a week-long summer camp for children with cancer in the Harrisonburg area.

The camp was founded by JMU alumnus Jason Smith ('01). For kids who have spent much of their time worrying about chemotherapy and radiation treatments rather than soccer and baseball, Camp Unali offered them a chance to just be regular kids.

While there are medical personnel on staff should an emergency arise, Camp Unali offered the same types of activities as traditional camps.

However, Camp Unali also gave the children a chance to bond with other kids who have had to face cancer at such a young age.

"It is therapeutic for them," Smith said. "It gives them a chance to see what the other kids went through."

The camp, which is free to the children, has a staff comprised solely of volunteers, including six current JMU students and three alumni.

Junior Lauren Russell said she didn't mind taking a week off of work to volunteer her time.

"I am just thankful for the experience. It made me grateful that I am healthy and was able to be part of helping out these kids," she said.

Arlene Reid, whose twin sons, George, who is in remission from cancer, and David, who survived kidney disease, attended Camp Unali. Reid said that between medical bills, the extreme medical treatments, and caring for the rest of her family, there is no time for ordinary summer camps or family vacations.

"Camp Unali gives these kids a glimpse at something that normal kids get to do that we as parents couldn't offer them at the time," she said.

The tight bonds that form between the kids and counselors are reinforced throughout the year with activities such as family weekends and trips to sporting events. The Redskins football organization recently donated 20 free game tickets to Camp Unali participants.

Smith said the counselors and kids truly do become like family to one another.

Reid agreed the one-on-one interaction between the campers and counselors sets Camp Unali apart. "Many of the other camps can't offer the one-on-one interaction between the kids and counselors," she said. "I feel it is the key to their success."

Next year, Camp Unali will offer two sessions. The first is a session for children with cancer and the second session is for children who have sickle cell anemia.

In addition, Camp Unali will hold several fund raisers throughout the year, including a dodge ball tournament hosted by JMU's Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

Smith and Russell plan to continue working at Camp Unali well into the future. "I am going to be here for life," Smith said.

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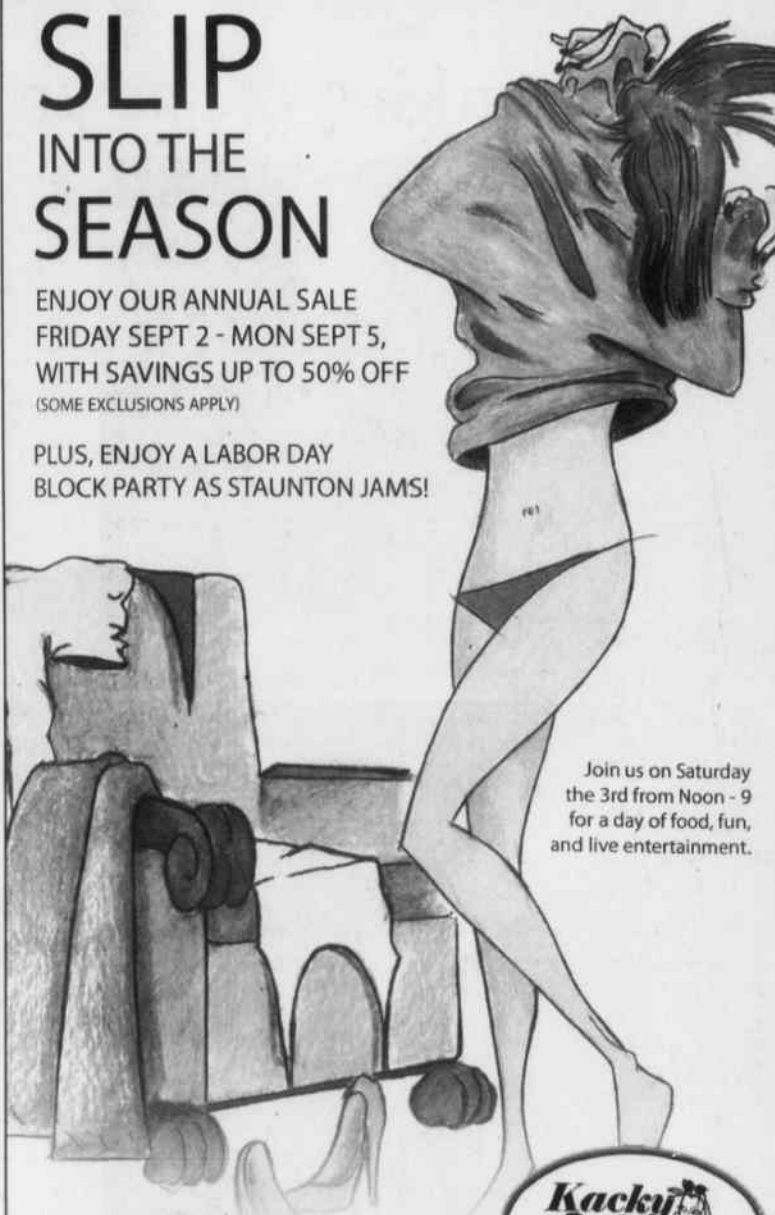
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By SCOTT GOLD
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW ORLEANS — For generations, the oak trees have shaded St. Charles Avenue, their hefty boughs forming a canopy over the street, occasionally interlocking like fingers clasped in prayer. Today, they are splintered and toppled, the Mardi Gras beads thrown into their branches last winter still clinging, inches from the ground.

To the north, people who lived rough lives — soldiers killed in the Civil War, firefighters killed on the job, children taken by yellow fever — have long rested peacefully in above-ground vaults. Today, in Metairie on the west side of New Orleans, at one of the largest "cities of the dead," flood water is coursing through the graves, and no one knows what, or whom, will be swept out.

New Orleans is one of the nation's most iconic cities. And after the calculable costs of Hurricane Katrina are tallied, after they count the casualties and the destroyed houses, the city will face a different kind of accounting. Some of the places and pieces that make this city

irreplaceable will have to be replaced. "This is a special place. It sounds funny, but there are a lot of mornings when I walk outside and look around and think, 'I am lucky to live here,'" said Sylvia Atkins, 42, who was born and raised in the working-class neighborhood of Gentilly. "We'll miss that. I still feel lucky. But it's going to be a while before I do that."

Atkins was "blessed financially" 15 years ago when she received an inheritance and her contracting business took off. So she packed up her two kids and left Gentilly behind for the Garden District, one of the most cherished pockets of historic mansions in the South.

"It's the perfect place to raise kids," Atkins said. "And it smells good too. They don't call it the Garden District for nothing."

Wednesday, Atkins will wake up for the third morning on the floor of a storm shelter. The Garden District, though it fared better than many parts of New Orleans, largely because it is one of the highest points in the low-lying city, is deserted and suffering.

At one stately manse, a towering pecan tree had crashed through a second-floor balcony, smashing into the parlor upstairs.

One woman said she walked into her backyard after the storm and saw a four-story building behind her fence that she had never seen before — that's how many trees she lost. The ground is

littered with shingles, power lines, tree limbs.

Though damage assessments have barely begun, it appears that a host of iconic places in New Orleans were heavily damaged in the hurricane.

The city is one of America's top restaurant towns. That industry will suffer. Half of the turquoise-and-white facade of Commander's Palace, a famed restaurant in the Garden District, is gone. So is one wall of Antoine's, which might as well have copyrighted oysters Rockefeller. The restaurant is now an open-air facility, its dining room visible from the street.

At Jackson Square, a park in the heart of the French Quarter, a block from the Mississippi River, two oak trees that have long shaded tourists, artists, street performers and activists toppled, taking out an iron fence and small pieces of a statue of Jesus outside St. Louis Cathedral. (The nearby Cafe du Monde, home of the smoky chicory coffee served everywhere in New Orleans, did not appear to suffer extensive damage.)

Many of the city's oldest neighborhoods, including the Bywater and the 9th Ward on the east side, were lost under the floods.

On famous Burgundy Street, a building that once housed slaves collapsed.

At one of the historic above-ground cemeteries here, a lot in the Garden District known as Lafayette No. 1, magnolia trees were uprooted and destroyed part of a 200-year-old wall believed to

contain human remains.

The stately U.S. Mint in the French Quarter, once seized by the Confederate Army, is missing part of its roof. No one knows what has become of the artifacts inside.

With a stiff upper lip, some residents won't allow themselves to think about the intangible costs of the storm, not when thousands of people are still unaccounted for, not when the water is still rising.

"People just want to survive," said Ed Freytag, 46, a mosquito and termite control official with the city. "People are worried about their families. They are worried about looting. They are trying to figure out how they are going to rebuild. The rest will have to wait."

But Jacob A. Wagner, an urban planning professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, said New Orleans' very sense of "place" could be shaken once the collapsed buildings were swept up and the insurance assessors left town. Wagner wrote his 2004 dissertation on how memory in New Orleans is linked to landmarks and historic structures.

"That's how people get their sense of place, and as far as cities in the United States go, New Orleans is certainly one of the more original and distinctive cities," Wagner said. "A city's identity is tied up in where people live, where they're buried, the public squares they use in their time off. We don't build cities like we did in the past. If all these

places are destroyed, it will fundamentally change the city."

In the French Quarter, the distinctive neighborhood along the Mississippi whose wrought iron balconies and cobblestone streets make it an emblem of New Orleans, the fronts of several buildings collapsed, crushing parked cars under piles of bricks. Streets in the district were littered with glass, some of it a half-inch thick, sucked from office buildings by the storm's intensity.

Officials said they were concerned that standing water in the Quarter could erode the brick and mortar of the aged buildings, eventually causing their collapse.

Overall, however, due to a combination of luck and relatively high elevation, the Quarter appeared to weather the storm better than any other district. Even while thousands of people waded through chest-high water to escape neighborhoods a mile or two away, much of the Quarter was dry Tuesday.

But in a reminder that the risk was not past, officials announced Tuesday night that flood waters were still rising and expected to reach 9 feet by midnight.

"New Orleans won't look the same for a while," said Debbie Lavender, 52, who rode out the storm in her Garden District home but decided to evacuate Tuesday as the waters continued to rise. "And that will break our hearts."

Indiana University students unable to phone home

By NICK O'NEILL
INDIANA DAILY

New Orleans residents have become accustomed to hurricane warnings. Once or twice each year, the city is threatened by a possible direct hit. For 40 years, since Hurricane Camille hit in the 1960s, the city has been fortunate enough to steer clear of serious harm.

Monday, however, the Big Easy fell victim to the wrath of Hurricane Katrina.

The beautiful city mourns as the muddy Mississippi River continues to pour inside her broken walls.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin expressed his concern for the Crescent City in an article for www.msn.com.

"My heart is heavy tonight. New Orleans is devastated," Nagin said. "Some parts of the city are under 20 feet of water; we still have residents stranded on rooftops."

Destruction Hits

Katrina went from a Category 5 to a Category 4 storm late Sunday night, according to the Associated Press. After it hit land

it dropped down to a Category 2 storm, with winds of 105 mph. It veered far enough to the east to save the city from the worst. Katrina's eye landed 40 miles east of New Orleans in the small bayou town of Buras, located in Plaquemines Parish, which is now lost in the Gulf of Mexico.

Early Saturday morning, Nagin issued the first ever mandatory evacuation of the entire city. Gerald Powell, a New Orleans native, who evacuated with his family to Arkansas, feared many locals would not take the mayor seriously.

"When I left uptown, everyone was in a party mood," Powell said. "They didn't understand how serious this was because of all the misses we have had in the past."

Powell went with his brothers and sisters to stay with family in Arkansas, taking only a few sets of clothing.

"I left everything," Powell said. "All we can do is wait ... I'll head back home as soon as I can." Many locals left the city to stay with family and friends in the surrounding areas.

Ben Frischhertz, a New Orleans native, packed the essen-

tials for his trip out of town.

"I went to the store and bought corned beef and cabbage and peach schnapps," Frischhertz said. "Other than that, all I brought was my cat and a pair of clothes."

Frischhertz stayed in Covington, La., with his family. Covington is about 100 feet above sea level and was safe from the worst of the flooding.

"I didn't decide to leave the city until Saturday night," Frischhertz said. "I heard the mayor on the radio explain that the levees would break ... I decided it would be smart to get out of town."

Contacting Home

It has been difficult for people outside the city to get in touch with loved ones inside New Orleans. Even people who live in other states, but still have phone numbers with New Orleans area codes, have been almost impossible to reach. Service has been restricted to only outgoing calls in an effort to keep the lines free for emergencies.

Shane Kupperman, a junior

at IU, is a native of New Orleans and has had a lot of trouble contacting members of his family who remain in the city.

"I can text message my dad, and he can contact me on and off from a computer line in Touro Hospital," Kupperman said. "It's been hard ... I have no idea what to expect when I go home."

Kupperman wishes his father would leave, but understands why he stayed.


"My dad stayed behind because he is the chairman of Touro Hospital," Kupperman said. "He felt responsible for all the patients."

Touro is operating on a generator, and unless the flooding gets worse uptown, where the hospital is located, the generator will continue to fuel the building's power. Kupperman said his dad told him if the generator goes out, the patients will be airlifted to a different location.

Almost one-fifth of New Orleans residents live in poverty, leaving close to 100,000 who could not afford to leave town. With only a small percentage of the city's occupants in town, many stores have become vulnerable to looting. Big stores, like the local Winn-Dixie, have become huge targets for those who stayed behind; food and appliances can be seen by the cart-load leaving these giant supermarkets.

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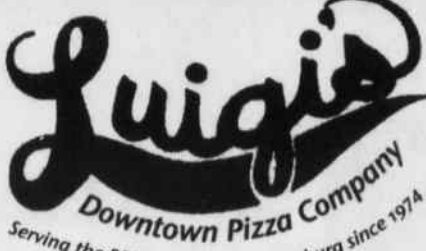
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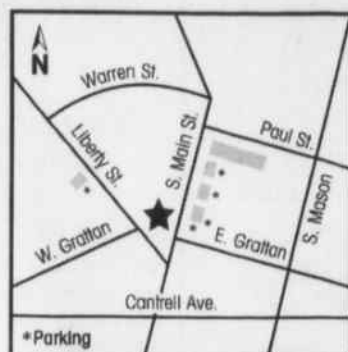
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Pill: Plan B could be made available over the counter

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because right now, they can get it from the Health Center at a reasonable cost," Simmons said.

A student can pick up a single-use pack of Plan B at the Health Center for \$15, without insurance. Nationally, the cost for a single-use pack of Plan B without insurance can be between \$30 to \$40, Simmons said. Without insurance, Simmons predicted

the price for Plan B could go as high as \$45.

If Plan B goes OTC, "Yes, accessibility is greater," Simmons said. "Cost goes up phenomenally ... because you can no longer use your insurance card to purchase the medicine."

Lingering questions have prompted the FDA to withhold its decision for an additional 60 days. Before a decision is made, the FDA

plans to use an open, public forum to help make its final decision.

"The question we have been asked to address is whether Plan B should be available without a prescription on a pharmacy shelf, similar to the way other over-the-counter medicines like some cough syrups and allergy pills are sold, for women age 16 and older, and remain prescription-only for those

under the age of 16," said FDA Commissioner Lester M. Crawford in an Aug. 26 statement.

Other questions for the agency include if age should be the only criteria for someone having access to the pills or not, whether or not prescription and OTC drugs can be marketed in a single package and, if age were to determine accessibility to the drug, how would the limitation be enforced.

LAWS: Coalition informs on new drinking laws

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abuse and underage drinking. To give students and Harrisonburg residents the opportunity to participate in non-alcohol related activities, the Coalition provides about \$20,000 of their budget for UPB to hold programs such as the Late Night Breakfast, where people can eat breakfast foods and participate in games and entertainment without the consumption of alcohol.

More recently the Coalition has paired up with the Har-

risonburg Police Department to give out party brochures off-campus. The brochures list several laws related to alcohol, including kegs and underage drinking. "We encourage students to keep up with the laws," Wing-Richards said. Brochures have already been distributed to residents of Fox Hill and during orientation week. The Coalition and Harrisonburg Police Department will be distributing more brochures at Hunter's Ridge today from 4 to 7 p.m.

THOMAS: Campus welcomes new leader

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community." In addition, Thomas will work to strengthen the tie between CCM alumni and the current CCM community. She also wants CCM to become more accommodating to JMU staff and people in the Harrisonburg community who would like to become involved.

"We have good size programs and there is a lot to be involved in as [JMU and CCM] get bigger and bigger," said Thomas.

Thirty percent of the JMU student body is nominally

Catholic. The CCM program is not membership based and has an "open-door policy", according to Arduini. "You come because you want to come," he added.

CCM is constantly challenging the "status quo" of the Catholic Church, Arduini says. "The atmosphere here is that you can be Catholic and be normal."

Thomas and student leaders will continue to work with the JMU community to strengthen and expand the CCM program. Thomas's fresh outlook will build on Father John's strong foundation.

GREEK: Resolving Issues

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over the issue of these violations and sent a letter out to all chapter presidents. In his letter, he emphasized the importance of sorority and fraternity life.

"I strongly feel that fraternity and sorority life is an integral part of our campus," Warner's letter read. "I truly believe that these organizations have in the past, and will continue in the future, to make a profound positive impact on the lives of students."

However, the letter revealed Warner's disappointment in the recent violations as well as his expectations that positive, proactive steps be taken toward rectifying the problem.

Warner's letter also stated, "My disappointment and concern arise from reports I received regarding numerous risk management violations. These violations are very serious in nature and not only compromise the integrity of individual organizations, but of James Madison University as well."

Heather DeGroot, president of panhellenic council and Chris Gamaitoni, president of interfraternity council, also released a statement in regard to the violations.

Their statement read, "All chapters are committed to bettering their organizations and the community to ensure a successful fraternity/sorority community for potential new members, current members and alumni."

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HOUSE EDITORIAL

New Orleans hit by tragic hurricane, devastation unmeasurable

On Monday, tragedy hit the lower parts of Mississippi and Louisiana in the form of a hurricane with extremely devastating effects.

Every fall the news is filled with reports of hurricanes. Names like Andrew, Floyd and Isabel become part of our daily vocabulary. This year it was Katrina and the path of destruction she left was one of the largest we've seen.

While most of her strength hit Mississippi, the majority of the damage can be seen in one of the oldest cities in the United States — New Orleans. New Orleans sits on average 2 meters below sea level, so reports of a category 5 hurricane heading for the city were cause for alarm.

Luckily, after most of the city was evacuated in preparation, the reports on Monday looked good. The main force of Katrina barely missed New Orleans and the majority of the damage was from the 145 mph winds, not the water. For a moment, resi-

dents began to breathe a sigh of relief.

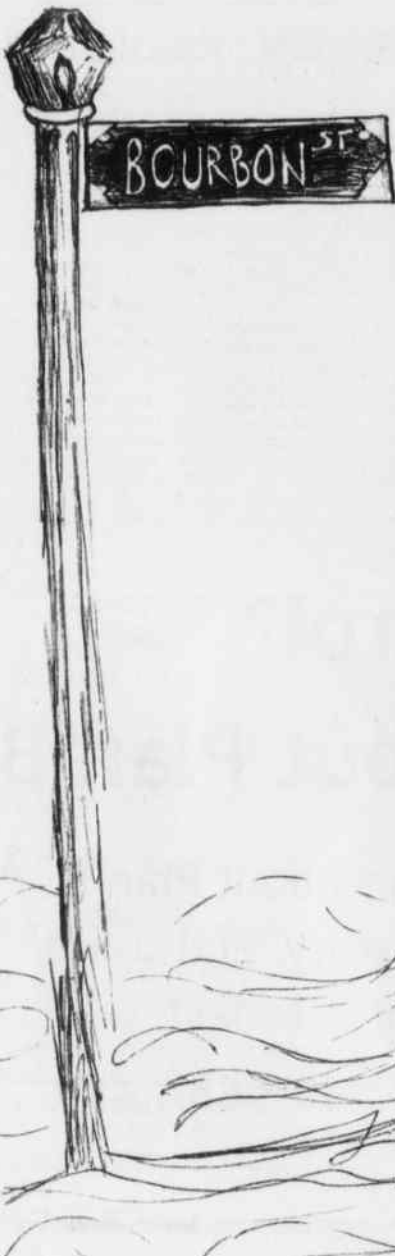
However, the Mississippi River would not let them. Katrina dumped over 20 feet of water into the river but the levees around New Orleans are designed for about a 15 foot increase.

On Tuesday, two of the levees burst, flooding the city leaving catastrophic damage. According to New Orleans Mayor, Ray Nagin, approximately 80 percent of the city is underwater. In some sections of the city the water is as deep as 20 feet.

Charities and military forces have been launched into what could be the largest and most expensive relief effort in United States history. Military helicopters are circling the city looking for survivors perched on rooftops. Boats of every kind are combing through the city streets looking for those who tried to brave the storm in their homes.

While the city's lack of preventative planning could be debated, that is not the important issue. The issue is that New Orleans looks more like Venice than Louisiana and it is unlikely that it will be back to normal anytime soon. The extent of the damage is still undeterminable. Rescue workers are still looking for survivors and trying to evacuate those in the city. Most of the residents in the city will not be able to see what remains of their home for months.

So as we walk about the JMU campus, feeling extremely safe in the bubble that we live in, it would be good to remember the tragedy that hit close to home and do our part to help out those who lost everything.



BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

Celebrity drama moves to the evening news

By JESSICA CONLON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Recently, I've been ditching the tabloids and relying on the 5 o'clock news to give me my daily fix of celebrity scandal. Not to say the news is usually devoid of drama, but it has come to my attention that more people are appearing in the news whose life's work revolves around creating drama. Coincidence? Maybe. Sheer stupidity? Probably.

The whole "glamorization" of celebrity run-ins with the law recently came to my attention during this year's Video Music Awards. Not only did Jeremy Piven mention Lil' Kim's conviction of perjury, but joked with her onstage about her year-and-a-day sentence she'll be serving in September. During the pre-show, there was a quiet murmur about Miss Kim's jail time, but in no way did it compete for discussion with her fabulous, yet demure, mauve ensemble.

No need to focus all the attention on the fallacious diva when the VMAs were chock-full of crooning criminals. R. Kelly is waiting to be tried for statutory rape, but let's face it, would we have listened to the remix of "Ignition" half as much if we were not engulged in his mesmerizing media frenzy? Villainous vixens and heartbreaker

lawbreakers were also in attendance, such as Carmen Electra, 50 Cent and Jack White. You probably do not know any of their crimes, but would be sure to remember Carmen's bright orange gown or Mr. Cent's distinguished Armani get-up.

Miss Happy Homemaker herself, Martha Stewart, is currently under house arrest following her incarceration for insider stock trading, but why pay attention to petty details when the woman has gone down three dress sizes since she hit the big house. Anyone can commit a heinous white-collar crime, but not everyone can drop a few pounds and make more than a few bucks while serving time for it. I would bet a few of Martha's faithful fans have resorted to "correctional facility" diets in hopes of losing the weight just like the domestic diva. South Beach "Behind Bars" Diet, anyone?

The scandalous Miss Stewart has frequently shared front pages with the questionable (to say the least) King of Pop. Sure, the guy can make great music, but you cannot help but wonder what is really going on inside that Neverland Ranch of his. The entire trial cost Jackson upwards of \$20 million, including the 60 well-discussed suits he had made for his court appearances. Publicity of

that magnitude, however, is priceless.

I once heard that, good or bad, publicity is publicity. Winona Ryder might have exercised the five-finger discount at Saks Fifth Avenue, but I just can not help but wonder what her next movie will be about and will undoubtedly go see it. Martha Stewart might have kept some shady stock secrets, but all the attention triggered a tiny urge inside of me to watch her next TV special on how to fold napkins properly.

When it comes down to it, we might roll our eyes or snicker when a Hollywood hellion breaks a little law or causes a scene, but deep down we love it and are constantly on the prowl for more. It's the twinge of glamour that comes with each handcuff, the detestable delight that comes with every mug shot, and the fantastic outfit Versace is dying to get on the jailbird. If their face is on the front page, so is their wardrobe and no smart businessman could refuse such advertising.

All the power to mass media moguls. Thanks to them, next time I watch "America's Most Wanted," I won't be gasping with fear and loathing, but asking, "Honey, would you pass the popcorn?"

Jessica Conlon is a junior English major.

BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

This is going to be the year for fresh starts

By BOBBY McMAHON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you weren't paying attention, summer just went by. There, just missed it. Shame on you. Teaches you to go outside once in a while. That magical time of year when hours spent studying turn into hours spent folding T-shirts at Urban Outfitters, filing files for an internship, or thinking of ways of turning your car into the Batmobile (I looked into it. They don't make jet engines that fit on a Ford Focus). As always, the summer that was began as a summer of promise.

I know what you planned to do. With a few weeks left of school, you said to yourself, "I'm going to do it this summer. This summer will be different. I'm going to make the most of my time." Beyond getting a job, you started thinking about all the books you wanted to read, books that you wanted to read "when you had the time." These were probably important books too, including novels that did not include the words "Da," "Vinci" or "Code."

You may have even gone so far as to dedicate yourself to a new goal: Learning the guitar, teaching yourself Spanish or even a small goal like watching the news every night. All these may have been on your agenda, and all were worthy goals. Unfortunately, you did none of these things.

Within a week of you getting home, the staff at Blockbuster Video knew you on a first name basis and had your very own copy of either "Anchorman" or "Dodgeball" waiting on reserve when you arrived.

You watched so much MTV that you can recognize a rerun of "Room Raiders" from the first five minutes of the show, and have a preference on which tool in the "Spy Case" you like the participants to use the most. Worse yet, your car is not one inch closer to becoming the Batmobile. Somewhere, Adam West just let out a little tear.

Don't fret though. This is going to be the year. You're going to get ahead on your reading, taking notes and highlighting in at least three different colors. No more starting papers the night before, because this year, you're going to start them a full month ahead of schedule and really take advantage of the opportunity to study something new.

This is the year you're really going to commit yourself to working out, really give it your all. Instead of waking up every day at 10 or 11 a.m., you'll be up at 8 a.m. to run 5 miles to UREC for a yoga class and some weight training. And forget driving to school; this year you're riding your bike.

You've always been interested in the environment, and this year, by golly, you're going to get involved. Protest something, you know, try to make the world a better place. You're even going to talk to your professors and try to make contacts for post-graduation, and you might even get involved in some volunteering, maybe even working with kids. Wave goodbye to hours spent checking away messages and watching old HomeStar Runner cartoons, because this year is going to be the year. Good luck.

Bobby McMahon is a senior political science major, and invites all to play like a champion today.

DARTS & PATS

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A "does-your-mother-know-you-wear that?" dart to the girl in D-hall on Sunday who wore shorts with the saying "Ram This" across the back.
From another girl who thinks that your attire was trashy and inappropriate.

A "be-more-considerate" dart to my upstairs neighbor who feels the need to play his bass so loud it vibrates things off my walls.
From a junior who is really tired of having to pick her stuff up off the floor.

A "why-is-it-so-hard-for-you-to-grow-up" dart to the kids near me in Pheasant Run who don't have jobs and party every night, waking everyone, and leaving a trail of Dixie cups to show how responsible they are.
From a graduating senior who is tired of societal moochers, and wonders how such irresponsible and lazy people ever made it into our school.

An "I-love-a-man-who-loves-his-dog" pat to the cute guy walking the pug on the quad.
From four girls in Hoffman who would love to meet your dog just so they can meet you.

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From a senior guy who was tired of reading the syllabus out loud when we are college students who hopefully have learned to read and comprehend.

BREEZE PERSPECTIVES



BASSAM SEBTI/Washington Post

After the police force in the northern city of Mosul collapsed in November, the U.S. military brought in the Kurdish militia to help restore order under the auspices of the Iraqi army.

How will the Iraqi war be remembered?

By TIM BIGDELI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

According to the media-rights organization Reporters Without Borders (RSF), the situation in Iraq has claimed the lives of more journalists, 66, than the entire Vietnam conflict, 63. The duration of the campaign in Iraq, having been initiated on March 20, 2003, hardly compares to the 20 years of bloodshed that occurred between 1955 and 1975 in Vietnam. While it remains doubtful that the present circumstances in Iraq are significantly more severe than those experienced during Vietnam, it appears that the area is a particularly dangerous area for journalists of any nationality. What factors, then, can account for the deaths of civilians, affiliated journalists and soldiers alike? Namely, resentment. Although having endured a generation of suppression, the state of the Iraqi people cannot simply be viewed as homogenous victimization. In a manner strikingly reminiscent of Vietnam, there exists both an accommodating population in Iraq as well as a less accepting faction of resistors. Without any reliable means by which to identify the previously-oppressed from the currently-agitated, there can be no telling of how many ambushes, beheadings and

suicide-attacks will come to pass before our government's purpose bludgeons the internally conflicted Iraqi spirit into submission. Until then, we cannot rest assured that our flag inspires the same hope and invokes the same connotation of liberty and justice that we perceive it to. When confronted with a symbol of such immeasurable influence and resource, what enemy would stand unaffected by our stars and stripes?

Throughout the Vietnam War, persistent, fearless journalism enlightened a generation of blindly trusting Americans with grim accounts of atrocity in photographic detail. A precedent of an informed constituency was thus established, firmly meshing together government approval with the necessity for unbiased, third-party journalism. In societies such as ours, in which the press is given free reign to effectively counterbalance the momentum of the political machine with fact and detail, governments are fully aware of the necessarily skeptical media. The United States has consistently accommodated the media in its efforts to observe and document Operation Iraqi Freedom and, although equally consistent in inaccurately projecting timetables, has managed to garner impressive public support from among

the ranks of appropriately partisan civilians. However, if the very means by which the public remains informed is in constant, irrevocable danger, just how effective can our government claim to be?

News briefings as of late have been riddled with empty promises of withdrawal and premature celebrations of achievement. Of the reported 2,074 coalition fatalities thus far, 1,880 have been American. The insurgency has apparently suffered only martyred casualties and, evidently, has been entirely successful in bolstering its ranks out of sheer resentment for America's new style of diplomacy. The outcome of the Iraqi conflict appears to be taking shape as an American travesty. Only a fair, humanitarian-motivated resolution, preferably by a representative U.N. diplomatic coalition, leading towards a moderate interim government in Iraq can salvage this chapter of world history. Otherwise, the American presence will not soon be forgotten.

Has American foreign policy been driven, once again, into excess by its perception of the universality of its liberties or by misconstrued foreign insecurity, mistaken for a true threat to its own ideals? In today's aggressively conflicted world, good intentions alone don't amount to much.

Tim Bigdeli is a senior biology major.

OFF THE WIRE

Assimilated students lose culture

By HUMAIRA FAREED
UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN

Public schools teach students more than the curriculum. Interactions between different cultures, races and classes can be far more educational than what the teachers put on the board. When many students come to the University, these lessons become more acutely noticeable. These lessons are also incredibly valuable.

When I refer to myself as being a "brown person," nine times out of 10 the person I'm talking to, who, needless to say, is white, starts laughing at me because I am categorizing myself as a color. I do not find it offensive to refer to myself as brown, nor do I find it offensive when people refer to me as being brown.

After I classify myself as being brown, the [white] person I'm talking to asks what the criteria are for being a brown person. The guideline I use is that they have to be Indian, Pakistani, Afghani, Bengali or originally from somewhere in that region. And of course, they have to have a skin tone that matches a shade of olive-brown. The real question is, as we start to lump people of the same skin color into groups such as black, white and, more recently, brown, does it make people forget that their peers, as well as themselves, have an original heritage?

It is obvious that within secondary schools, both public and private, the value of culture is not presented to the degree it should be.

True, this is a terrific movement to end race and gender discrimination, but there has to be some way to conserve culture and feel open to talk about it before getting to a big university. I know firsthand that it has always been hard to refer to myself as being Pakistani, because some people do not know where or what that is.

Therefore, I have started to classify myself as being brown. But as I continue to characterize myself by my skin tone, I can say that I have forgotten the little things that I took into account while I was living at home with my brown parents, who exposed me to Pakistani and Indian culture every day.

The same is true for white people and African Americans, who are referred to as black. Honestly, when is the last time you asked a Caucasian person where they or their families were from? The term "white person" has been around for much longer than the term "brown person" and it is noticeable that American white people of our generation do not know too much about their original heritage.

If we continue to use colors instead of countries to represent people, it will lead to a mixing of cultures that may offend some people. We must find a way to balance our culture as an American white, black, Asian or brown person while maintaining the more acute aspects of our heritage.

Humaira Fareed is a columnist for the University of Kansas's University Daily Kansan.

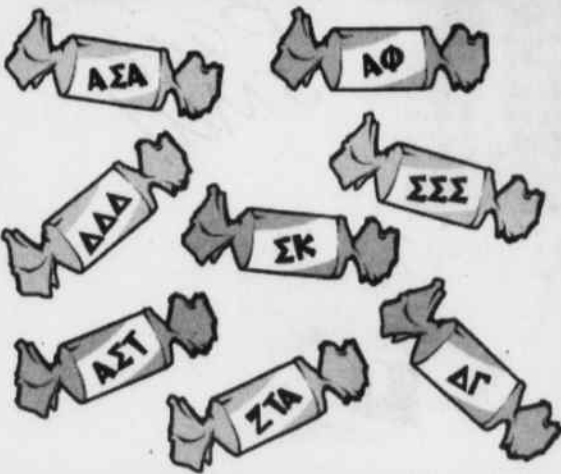


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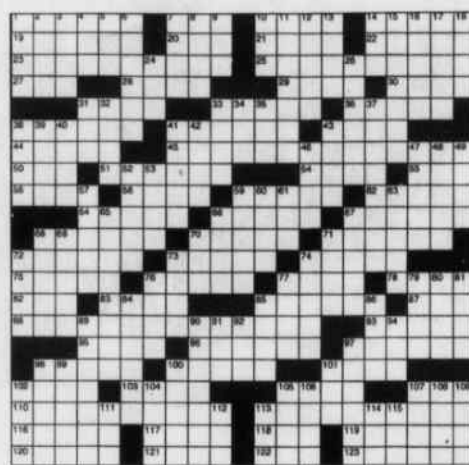
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JMU will look to improve on a 17-10 season a year ago by making the postseason in 2005.

Dukes living in the moment

Volleyball returns five of six starters, ready for CAA run

By MEAGAN MIHALKO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

If there was ever a time for the JMU women's volleyball team to take advantage of a situation, it's now.

The Dukes return five of their six starters from 2004 to make their bid at the Colonial Athletic Association championship, a tournament they were not even part of last year after finishing 17-10.

"We missed out on a couple of things in the past," coach Disa Garner said. "A couple years ago we lost the conference championship in our own gym and we missed the CAA tournament last year."

Missing out on opportunities like those is not something the Dukes plan on this season. As the Dukes get ready to for the CAA, they realize what they are faced with.

"Every game will be a dog fight," senior outside hitter Emilee Hussack said. "There are two new teams entering the conference this year, Georgia State and Northeastern. Northeastern is already ranked second in the preseason."

However, rankings don't mean anything right now. The most important thing for the JMU volleyball program is to consistently play well, no matter who the opponent is.

Their consistency paid off in its season opener where the Dukes defeated George Washington University.

"Winning that match was a great way to start out," Hussack said. "We were able to control our runs and we just want to go up from there."

Hussack returns to the Dukes after leading the league last season with an average of 4.05 kills per game. Hussack was voted second-team All-CAA and also earned second-team All-State honors.

Senior setter Krysta Cannon also returns to lead the team. Cannon was the CAA Rookie of the Year as a freshman, and she has already made her way into the record books with 3,430 assists.

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JMU hosts Lock Haven Saturday

By JAMES IRWIN
SENIOR WRITER

August has given way to September. Training camp and two-a-days are over. The title defense has begun.

JMU's bid to win back-to-back national championships begins Saturday when the Dukes take on the Bald Eagles of Lock Haven University at Bridgeforth Stadium and despite Lock Haven's status as a Division II program, coach Mickey Matthews isn't looking past the first game of the season.

"Football is unique because you only play 11 games during the year," Matthews said. "You better make it count because no matter how well or how poorly you play, you're reminded about it for seven days. That's why regardless of who you play, it's important."

Besides a victory, what else will Matthews look for in his season-opener?

"We want to execute at a high level," Matthews said. "We've developed a reputation around here of playing with a lot of intensity. We want to be sharp."

Sharp, yes. But the Dukes are a little banged up as they open the season. Junior place kicker David Rabil has been sidelined with an injury. He'll be replaced in the lineup by junior Paul Wantuck. And junior wide receiver D.D. Boxley, who led all JMU receivers with 44 catches and five touchdowns last season, is out with a popped ligament in his ankle.

"We've made some adjustments," Matthews said. "Some guys are going to get a shot because D.D. is out. D.D. has been our go-to guy and we'll see who's going to be that guy for us this year."

One guy could be senior Tahir Hinds, who has been injury-prone for most of his JMU career. At 6-3 215-lbs, Hinds has the physical tools to be a No. 1 receiver if he can stay healthy.

"He was as good as we've had for four games last year," Matthews said. "Then he got hurt. He has to prove he can stay healthy."

Other receivers who will factor into the game plan are junior Chris Hawkins — who transferred from North Carolina State in the off-season — and freshmen Tommie Lawrence and Patrick Ward. There's also sophomore L.C. Baker, who played last year as a true freshman. Baker caught 18 passes and returned 23 punts.

"L.C.'s had a great camp," Matthews said. "We'll get to see what Hawkins, Lawrence and Ward can do. D.D.'s injury has created a situation where somebody's got to step up."

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. A dedication ceremony for the Robert and Frances Plecker Athletic Performance Center is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m.

Football

Lock Haven at JMU
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Men's soccer prepares for '05 campaign

By TRAVIS CLARK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you think that the men's soccer team isn't eagerly anticipating the beginning of this season, then you are dead wrong.

The team had a superb 2004 season, finishing 15-3-1, despite losing to Old Dominion University in the semifinals of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament, the Dukes seemed to be a lock for an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament. They had the credentials with big time wins.

"We beat George Washington 6-1, and they got the automatic bid from their conference," said senior midfielder Bobby Humphrey. "We beat ODU 3-1, when they were ranked No. 6 in the country, and who received a first-round tournament bye."

But it was not in the cards for the Dukes.

"At the selection show on the TV you could see the top 20 teams," Humphrey said. "We were number 18 and were the only team left out of the tournament."

Senior defender Danny Sheridan said, "I was shocked, but it was a lesson learned."

One could stay and argue about how they were jobbed out of a tournament spot, but that is now old news. Coach Tom Martin downplays the fact that they were left out.

"Some years the system has helped us out, and others it hasn't," Martin said. "This time it didn't."

This season, the Dukes are looking to erase any doubts

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Kick start



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

Tristan Murray get acrobatic while looking for a goal during practice Tuesday afternoon.

Dukes return midfield intact from last year

By TRAVIS CLARK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After falling short of a NCAA invitation in 2004, the JMU men's soccer team has upped the level of competition in 2005 in hopes of assuring its place in the postseason.

It's been a lot of work preparing for the upcoming campaign, work that started with two-a-days on Aug. 18.

"We're getting better each game, but we're not where we want to be," senior defender Danny Sheridan said.

Martin agreed. "We didn't arrive at 100 percent," he said. "We had some injuries during the off-season, just minor things that we can't really control."

That has set them back a bit, as it's been hard to know who is going to go exactly where.

"We've been trying to figure out what works best," Martin said. "It may

take awhile to get the best lineup out there."

However, he does have a few pieces already in place. Along with Humphrey and Sheridan, he has the entire starting midfield that consists of juniors Kurt Morsink, Mark Totten and sophomore Tristan Murray.

Morsink led the Dukes in goals with nine and racked up 26 points in 2004. He was named Offensive Player of the Year and Murray was named Rookie of the Year for the Dukes last fall.

Murray also spent last summer playing for the Canadian under-20 National Team.

Back at goalie is junior Kevin Trapp, who started 17 games last season. He is competing with sophomore Matt Glaeser for the starting job. Sheridan anchors the back line at center back, but the rest of the backfield is up for grabs.

The competition for playing time is something that Martin sees and likes from his players.

"We have players competing with each other for playing time and pushing each other to max out their potential on the field," he said.

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The making of a long, strange trip

Men's soccer's Raskys overcomes transfer, injuries

By JAMES IRWIN
SENIOR WRITER

Mike Raskys could have easily hung up his cleats.

After four years, two programs and two major injuries, the fifth-year senior could have stopped playing. He could have taken his bachelor's degree and called it a career.

Instead, Raskys is sticking around

and when the Colchester, Conn., native steps onto the soccer field Friday night in JMU's season opener, it won't be because he's the most talented player or because he has hopes of turning professional someday. It will be because he chose to come back when most would not.

"Sometimes people say that sports builds character and that may be true," JMU coach Tom Martin said. "Mike is the other side of it. Sometimes sports reveals who has character."

It's a good thing Raskys has plenty of that. Otherwise he wouldn't be where he is today.

He could be a recent graduate of the University of Vermont. Raskys enrolled there out of high school and

played for the Catamounts as a freshman. As a sophomore, he had surgery

to remove bone chips in his foot. Along the way, Raskys said he became disenchanted with the program and thought about transferring.

"I was looking to get back into the game," Raskys said.

"And from growing up with Bobby Humphrey, I had the opportunity to come here."

Humphrey, a senior midfielder



RASKYS

from Glastonbury, Conn., played with Raskys and sophomore midfielder Frankie D'Agostino on a New England club team. When Raskys arrived at JMU for the 2003 season, he became a staple in Martin's starting lineup.

"He's not the biggest, the strongest or the fastest, but you want to pencil him in somewhere," Martin said. "He's a steady player."

But steady didn't mean injury-free — Raskys tore his ACL before last preseason in a pick-up game.

"It was a full tear that needed to be totally reconstructed," Raskys said. "It was the day before preseason started, non-contact. I planted and it went."

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MEN: JMU soccer looks to erase doubts after missing '04 tourney

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But one of his main points this season is cohesion.

"Chemistry is one of the most important things that we work on," Martin said. "If we can develop a solid chemistry, that will translate to a successful season. It's something that you have to push on and off the field."

Humphrey seems to think they have the makings of that in place already.

As captains, Humphrey and Sheridan will have to help Martin figure out how to maintain strong team chemistry on the field. Martin's emphasis on chemistry will greatly aid the Dukes in their quest for a CAA championship.

"Talent only gets you so far," Martin said. "A strong team chemistry will take you much further."

Another development this year was losing only four seniors to graduation. There have still been holes to fill, but having the entire midfield backhelps. Along with that, contributions are expected from a freshman class, which includes Nick Zimmerman and Kurt Morsink's younger brother Kyle.

"We have good incoming freshmen," Humphrey said.

The season begins on Sept. 2 and Sheridan feels that the first few weekends are very important.

"The first three weekends will set the tone for the season," he said.

But it won't make or break the Dukes. Even if things don't go as well in the beginning of the season, they can still make it to the NCAA tournament by simply winning the CAA tournament.

KICKS: Dukes men's soccer ready for tough 2005 schedule

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when it comes tournament time. The only knock on them last season was a slightly weaker non-conference schedule.

"We tied St. Francis last season and that just killed us," Sheridan said.

However, their non-conference schedule this time around is brutal — but they made it that way.

"We have a big challenge ahead of us, but we are looking forward to it," Martin said.

They start off against Bucknell University from the Patriot League. Next is Penn State out of the Big Ten. They also face the University of New Mexico and the University of Tulsa — teams ranked in the preseason top 15, according to *College Soccer News*.

"I think we have one of the






top five toughest schedules in the country," Humphrey said. "We could end up with a losing record after the first seven games."

But Sheridan thinks that it could be good in the long run.

"We need to take care of business and try to win the CAA championship," Sheridan said. "We don't want to leave anything to chance this year."

As of right now, the Dukes are ranked No. 18 in the preseason *College Soccer News* poll, but they lack the big names and preseason awards that some schools have.

"I think we're going to go out and surprise some people," Humphrey said. "We don't have the big names or the preseason national stars. It will give us an advantage as these teams may not see those and not take us as serious as they should."

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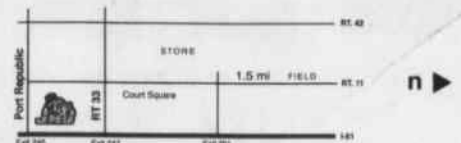
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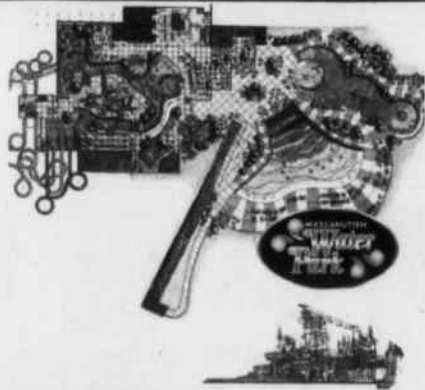
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RASKYS: Back for more after '04

RASKYS, from page 11

The injury tested Raskys' character again. "He could have said, 'The heck with it. I'll just be a student,'" Martin said. "He could have punted, but I'm sure there's a place in his heart for soccer or he wouldn't be around."

So even though Raskys was set to graduate in May and even though his injury would keep him from practicing with the team until after the New Year, he took a medical redshirt and came back.

"I'm not ready to give it up yet," said Raskys, who currently is working on his master's degree in history. "After a year of just sitting and watching your teammates, it feels great to get back out there. It makes all the work you put in after surgery worth it."

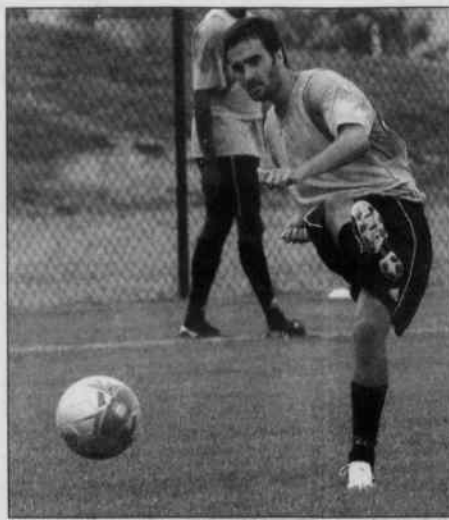
Thus far, that work has Raskys competing for a

starting job again.

"That's where we expect Mike Raskys to be," Martin said. "There's always some apprehension with players. How they approach their rehabilitation, how aggressive they are within the limits of what they are able to do. You really find out a lot about their character."

And after what Raskys has experienced, there wasn't a doubt about that. In the last five years he has played at Vermont, missed a season, transferred to JMU and missed another season. He has redshirted twice. He has graduated from college. Yet amidst all the change, one thing remains constant.

"It's kind of a Jerry Garcia thing," Martin said. "What a long, strange trip it's been. But if anyone can handle that trip, it's Raskys. He lands on his feet."



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

Mike Raskys returns as a fifth-year senior to try to help lead the Dukes in 2005.

KILLS: Volleyball ready to compete for CAA title

KILLS, from page 11

"To be able to have an upperclassman-dominated team is a huge benefit to us because of the experience of the players," Garner said.

Out of the 15 players on the roster, eight are juniors and seniors and have a lot of playing experience. However, that doesn't mean the sophomore and freshmen players will be left out of the mix.

"We have 15 legitimate players who can see playing time at any time," Garner said.

The sophomores have been improving their understanding of the tempo and what needs to be done, Garner said.

With so much depth on the team, players are in constant competition for playing time. Garner said that this creates a healthy environment for the gym.

One position that will experience some healthy competition is the middle blocker. That is where the Dukes lost their only starter, Kate Fuchs, to graduation. Junior Ashley Copenhaver and sophomore Allyson Halls

will have the opportunity to step up for the team.

Defensively, the Dukes will look to senior defensive specialist Nora Quish, junior Amanda Sneed and sophomore Jena Pierson. Pierson and Quish played in every game last season and will bring a tremendous amount of experience to the defense.

"We're drawing a lot from freshman year when we made it to the CAA finals," Hussack said.

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band on the **RUN**

By JANE SINGLETON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Over the years, the JMU campus has been graced with the talents of original musical acts, and Adelyn is no exception. This band, which formed in the fall of 2001, began with just one acoustic guitar and a dorm TV lounge.

In the fall of 2001, fate brought a group of passionate musicians together to form what is now known as Adelyn.

Senior J.K. Royston, guitarist of Adelyn, describes how the band — which also includes seniors Ryan Parrish and Dan Mineart and Justin Turner (who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2004) — formed out of an act of fate because all of the band members were placed in the same dorm.

Lead singer Parrish said the band members all shared a common interest in music.

"We began playing together in 2001 because it's what we all loved to do," he said.

Their music is often compared to the sounds of Incubus or Hoobastank. Although Adelyn both enjoys and

respects these artists' music, Parrish wants to prove the band's originality.

"It is important that we make it clear through our lyrics that we bring our own unique flare to the rock world," he said.

The big turning point in Adelyn's career was their first full CD release in the spring of 2005 of *All Systems Are Down*, which has sold more than 1,000 copies. Their single, "Zero Hour," has risen to the No. 7 slot on specialty radio and has been played on stations in D.C., Charlottesville, Harrisonburg and other areas.

This summer they have been doing an independent tour of about 40 shows, rocking out in New York, D.C., Virginia Beach and other areas. They were the only Virginia band to get invited to play at some of the best East coast rock festivals, such as HFStival in Baltimore, Md., where they played alongside Coldplay, the Foo Fighters and Billy Idol. Adelyn also rocked the Warped Tour with their talents on three different dates.

Adelyn has not taken one second of their traveling for granted, nor have they forgotten their fans despite rain, shine or dead-stopped traffic. While rain threatened any chances of a safe electric show at a Virginia Beach concert with Hoobastank, they sat in the rain and played an acoustic show instead.

"We couldn't let down the fans that had come," Royston said. "We got soaked, but these are the kinds of things the people will remember us for."

Also during dead-stopped traffic on they way to play in Indianapolis this summer, J.K. and Ryan hopped on top of their van and started playing while Justin handed out demos to cars stuck in traffic.

Adelyn tries to organize unplugged dorm tours around campus to introduce themselves to the new freshmen. J.K. hopes to give them something unique to be a part of.

The great opportunities of the summer are following Adelyn through the fall with invitations to perform at Dewy Beach Music Festival, NEMO Conference in Maryland and CMJ in New York.

Despite their growing popularity and busy schedules (both as band members and as students), this group still makes time for altruistic ambitions by performing various benefit concerts for non-profits and charities. They also continually support the St. Jude Children's hospital through donating proceeds from their CD sales.

The dedication, loyalty to fans and passion for music that Adelyn portrays through their lyrics and performances have brought this once-dorm room band to where it is today.

Ryan Parrish hopes to one day achieve superstar status.

"There is nothing we would love more than the chance to be playing music as long as the icons like Aerosmith or the Stones," he said.

Adelyn will be performing in Harrisonburg in October or November. The date and venue will be announced soon.



both photos by CASEY TEMPLETON/senior photographer

TOP: Adelyn poses for a promotional shot. BOTTOM: Lead singer Ryan Parrish sings to a large crowd of people. The band, who came together in fall of 2001, have been compared to Incubus to Hoobastank. They performed at Highlawn Pavilion Tuesday night and will return to Harrisonburg in October or November for another performance.

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The debut album of John Stevens, the 17-year-old "American Idol" crooner, succeeds on every count — his smooth voice, his affinity for old-school rat pack songs, and even the fact that he covered Maroon 5's "This Love" in a slower, more 1950s style. The one thing he can't change, however, is that Michael Bublé came first. So he wins.



Founders of JMaddy launch new Web site *Collegemama.com geared toward the perpetually messy*

By APRIL KIM
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The founders of JMaddy.com, juniors Shy Pahlevani, Collin O'Brien and Pat Cassidy, got creative again — this time with after-party ideas. No, not an "after-party" party, but another serious problem many party hosts are destined to encounter: a big mess.

Since the Aug. 22 launch of Collegemama.com, a Web site that offers cleaning services to students on and off campus, there have already been a total of 19 orders. Sophomore Ben Cohen is the manager of Collegemama.com, and he said a guy had called in requesting their service even before they started advertising.

Even though this business is run by four college students, it currently employs 15 part-time cleaners selected through interviews. The cleaning crew consisting fifteen people who are Harrisonburg residents between the ages of 21 to 35 years old, all with cleaning experience from Massanutten resort.

In addition to the credible cleaning crew, representatives of Collegemama.com guarantee the customer's satisfaction with their services. "[Collegemama.com] will be responsible and responsive," Cassidy said. According to him, service is provided within 48 hours once the item number of the order is matched.

Prices for services — including, but not limited to, vacuuming, emptying the trash and even changing the sheets — range from \$21.99 to \$120 with discounts available when one purchases package specials. "It's a luxury," Pahlevani said, "but an affordable luxury."

Junior Jeffrey Gliner, a resident of Fox Hills, received approximately an hour-long service to clean his common room, bathroom and his personal bedroom. Gliner also emphasized their organized checklist system for cleaning. Cohen says with their checklist cleaning system they are able to provide their customers with professional quality cleaning services, allowing less distracting environments for students. This attention to detail is what makes students so eager to take advantage of their business. "I would recommend the service to my friends, but also keep it a secret from others so I can use them whenever I want," said Gliner.

Unfortunately for Gliner, three cleaning services have been ordered for Friday, and the founders say their goal is to increase by three cleaning orders each week.

Junior John White thinks this new business is a good idea. "No one really wants to clean up," he said. "Depending on how much they'd charge, they can get pretty good money."

Just like Gliner, many students' requests for services come through referrals, which Pahlevani wishes to expand their business based upon. Cohen also hopes for their business' growth throughout the community, starting Sept. 5, the founders will begin a laundry service. The new addition to collegemama will include pick up and delivery, washing and drying. Delivered items by Collegemama.com will also be folded. "We want to be Madison's mom away from mom, provide high-quality cleaning services and want to earn the title as 'Madison's #1 Cleaners,'" said Pahlevani.

Adam Carolla is 'hot Hollywood property'

Starring in two new TV shows, plans for morning radio show

By MARTIN MILLER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

As a young man, Adam Carolla believed "something" — preferably memorable and funny — would break for him in show business by the time he was 30. He was wrong.

At the time, the best work from the born-in-Philly, raised-in-L.A. carpenter-turned-comedian was appearing on local floors, walls and roofs, not on national radio and television programs; the closest he was coming to the big time on a regular basis was listening to talk radio as he pounded nails or spread roof tar.

"I'd be at someone's house or be up on the roof all day and I'd get lonely — stir crazy — and talk radio became this soothing voice in my life," said Carolla, who especially enjoyed listening to morning drive-time shows. "But the idea that I was making \$10 an hour and stacking drywall while these guys were making a few hundred thousand, and they were having a party, and there were Playmates and there were good times, I just couldn't imagine it."

"I had two thoughts about it," he added. "One was I could do that, and the next one was I'll never get to do that."

He was wrong. Today, after becoming known largely as a comedic counterweight to radio and television partners, Carolla has become a hot Hollywood property on his own.

Earlier this month, the now 41-year-old known for his mix of crude humor and edgy wit launched "Too Late With Adam Carolla" on cable's Comedy Central. In October, he rolls out a program on cable's TLC, a home improvement show called "The Adam Carolla Project," in which he buys and rehabs his childhood home in North Hollywood.

"Adam doesn't need a partner," said Jimmy Kimmel, who co-hosted "The Man Show"

with Carolla for five years before landing his own late-night talk show on ABC. "The guy is just funny. He has a strong opinion on almost every topic. You can ask him about sea monkeys or shoelaces and he has a strong opinion. And when he gets going, you're just a bystander."

Most impressive — or perhaps daunting — may be that Carolla is poised to take over for shock jock Howard Stern in the key California markets of Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco sometime late this year or early next. While he said nothing has been signed yet with Infinity Broadcasting, whose contract with Stern expires at the end of the year, Carolla acknowledged that a deal is imminent. (Infinity spokeswoman Karen Mateo would say only that "there is no announcement at this time.")

"It's hard to say when it will start," Carolla said after taping his late-night show recently at Hollywood Center Studios. "I'm not being evasive; I really have no idea. Right now, I hope it's later rather than sooner."

For a guy who's on record as despising a heavy workload — he once quipped, "Figure out what you wanna do, then take a nap" — Carolla is doing a good imitation of a workaholic. Some wonder whether he will be able to multitask between mediums or whether he'll eventually fall into the ranks of radio personalities who failed in TV.

"Historically, it's been hard to make the transition from radio to television and from television to radio. They involve different psychologies," said Michael Harrison, editor of the radio industry magazine *Talkers*. "But he's a talented guy, and I think this is a smart way for him to go. Either he has it or he doesn't. We'll find out soon, won't we?"

So far the show's initial ratings haven't exactly blown up the late-night landscape, attracting less than 1 percent of the 18- to 49-year-old late-night



MARTIN MILLER/Los Angeles Times

"So far I've done a pretty good job of keeping the ratings down on just about everything I've done," Carolla jokingly said, at the taping of an episode of "Too Late With Adam Carolla." "Too Late" aired on Comedy Central in early August 2005.

audience share, according to Comedy Central executives, who believe it will take time for the ratings to build.

The critics have been mixed as well. They generally praise Carolla's incisive satirical abilities but knock his penchant for base humor that frequently relies upon crude insults and jokes about masturbation and homosexuality. Comedy Central has committed to airing three months of the new show and will re-evaluate after that point.

The show's look and feel are more radio than late-night television. There's no monologue, script, bandleaders or big-name celebrities. The audience is seated close to Carolla, who sits center stage in a big chair. He regularly takes phone calls, does a comedy bit or two and riffs with a guest, a varied list that has included former "Saturday Night Live" performer Kevin Nealon, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and comic Louis CK.

Carolla jokes about the

show being a work in progress, and has realistic expectations about its cultural reach.

"I know this show is never going to have mass appeal," he said. "It's going to be a nice little boutique. This is going to have its own indie-college kind of vibe. I'm fine with that. We're not going to be Ford or GM over here, we're going to be Saab. But that's OK, they have dedicated owners."

Despite the Zen-like attitude about the show's place in the media universe, Carolla, the son of a psychologist, is aware of being judged. In fact, it's unmistakable, especially in the first weeks of a show. He receives frequent "notes" from executives about how to sit, where to look and when to let loose.

"When you do television, there's more to do, and when you do new television, there's a lot more to do, especially when you don't have a partner. I miss not having that person," said Carolla, who since

the mid-1990s has co-hosted the nationally syndicated radio show "Loveline" with Dr. Drew Pinsky. "So, right now I'm like 40 percent acclimating, leaving about 60 percent of my brain left for being clever."

At the Television Critics Association media tour in July, the pressure of his upcoming spate of television and radio projects apparently got to Carolla. He unloaded on a critic who questioned whether his TLC show was less of a financial risk than was being claimed.

"Write something (lousy) about the show and give the mike to somebody else, please. I don't care if any of you like the show. It's going to be a great show and you'll just be wrong."

Carolla reportedly yelled at Deseret Morning News critic Scott D. Pierce. The critics "hated 'The Man Show' and everyone had a problem with 'Loveline.' Everyone has a problem with everything I do, but the

shows are good."

But by his first week into taping his Comedy Central show, Carolla seemed calm, open and even self-deprecating about his on-the-rise show business career.

"So far I've done a pretty good job of keeping the ratings down on just about everything I've done," he said.

He expects an easier transition into the time slot for Stern's morning show. Carolla's similar brand of humor and his on-air friendship with Stern won't hurt his chances of retaining whatever portion of the shock jock's audience that doesn't make the leap to satellite radio. It was Stern himself who initially revealed to his loyal morning audience that Carolla was his heir apparent in California.

"It should be like a salmon taking to open water," Carolla said. "I've done so much morning radio that I won't be overwhelmed by it, but it's still going to be a challenge."

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SEPTEMBER 2:

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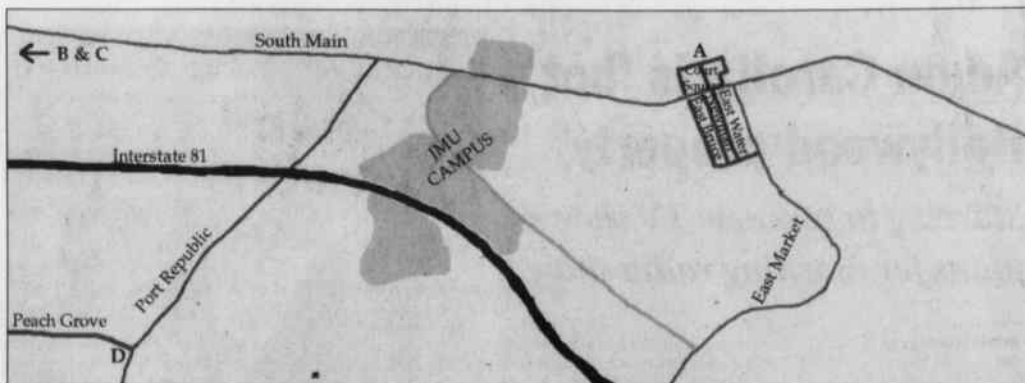


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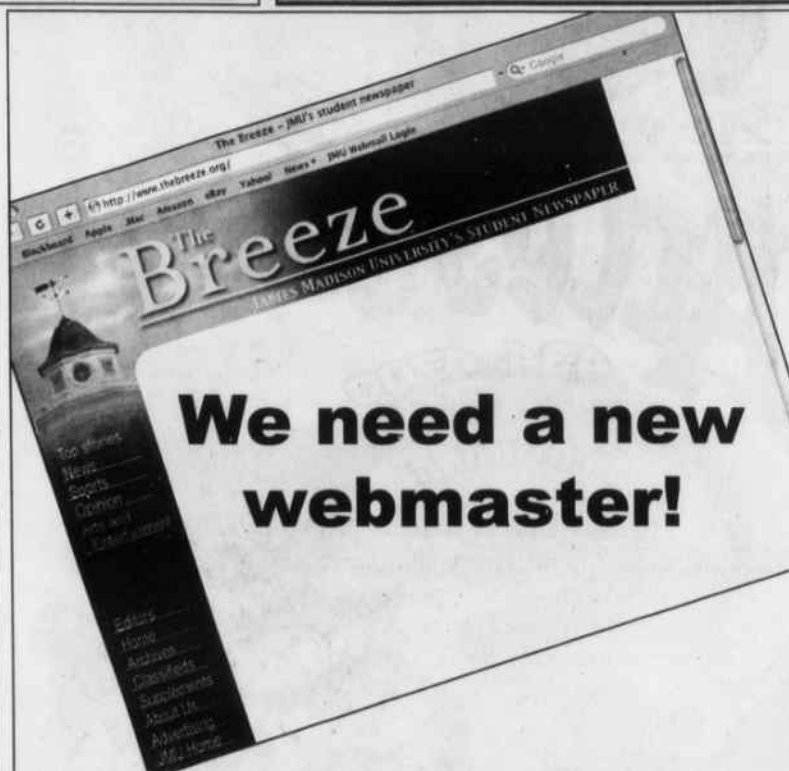
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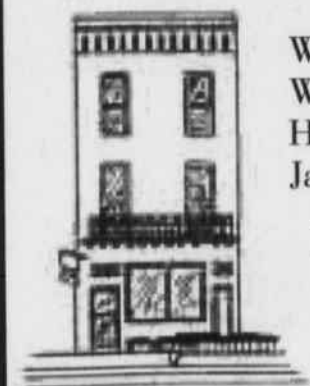
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Recruits ready to perform

Class of '09 finishes first football camp

By MEAGAN MBIALKO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Making the adjustment to college life is different for everyone — especially when your first experience is joining a national championship team.

That's what JMU's newest big shots are facing as their first college football camp comes to a close. The Dukes recruited 25 fresh faces over the course of last season and the incoming football recruits are arguably the most talented class the program has ever seen.

However, it wasn't luck that brought these freshmen here. It was the success the team experienced in the postseason last year. It was the national title.

"Having the exposure we had on ESPN and the new facility on campus really helped us in our ability to recruit," JMU coach Mickey Matthews said.

Last year the JMU football program had between 10 and 12 scholarships to offer. This year they had 22 available to

bring in some top athletes.

"We have had an influx of talent and recruiting is something that is imperative to the future of the program," Matthews said.

Although these talented high school athletes are receiving scholarships and all the perks of being collegiate athletes, one thing they might not get a whole lot of is playing time. With a national championship team that is returning 12 starters and 16 seniors, there will be some major competition.

The recruits know that.

With such depth at positions like running back, new players will have a tough time getting into games.

They'll have to look for their chances on special teams. If a younger player is on a special teams unit they can get a lot of time according to Matthews.

"Camp was tough and a brand new experience," freshman linebacker Trae Kenney said. "College football is a lot harder and there is a lot more to know. I just feel honored to be a part of the program."

Matthews said, "There are four or five new players who could challenge for backup positions, but their real opportunity will be to play on some special teams."

Vying for the backup positions gives some of the new recruits the experience they need and also gives them the opportunity to learn from some of the older players.

"We can go to players and find what we need to find out," Kenney said.

Even if they don't need to find out, the older players won't hesitate to give advice to the younger players during practice and after plays.

"Whatever we don't know, they let us know every single time," Kenney said.

One particular group of freshmen recruits that may have the biggest opportunity is the wide-outs. After starting junior wide receivers D.D. Boxley dislocated his ankle last week during a drill, some freshmen may have a chance to step up.

"We have a lot of depth," freshman wide receiver Bosco Williams said. "People will have to fill in because it's a big loss."

Another area the Dukes suffered a major loss was at tight end. Tom Ridley graduated last year after receiving All-Atlantic 10 honors and being the team's third-leading receiver behind Boxley and the graduated Nic Tolley.

J.D. Skolnitsky had a good camp and looks really

good," Matthews said.

Although Skolnitsky performed well at camp, he is still have to battle returning seniortight ends Casime Harris and Sean Connaghan for playing time.

"I might get an opportunity to play, but the game is a lot faster and the competition is better," Skolnitsky said. "Casime and Sean are both really good."

On the defensive side, one new player who will see some playing time is junior transfer safety Phil Minafield.

Minafield made the journey to JMU after playing two years at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. In high school, he played with junior starting quarterback Justin Rascati and will start in the secondary after being recruited as a linebacker.

Both JMU and JMU football are new experiences for the recruits, but everyone on the team can identify with one universal unknown territory. That unknown territory is defending a national championship. However, the journey on which the team is about to embark doesn't phase any of the new guys. They know what they want.

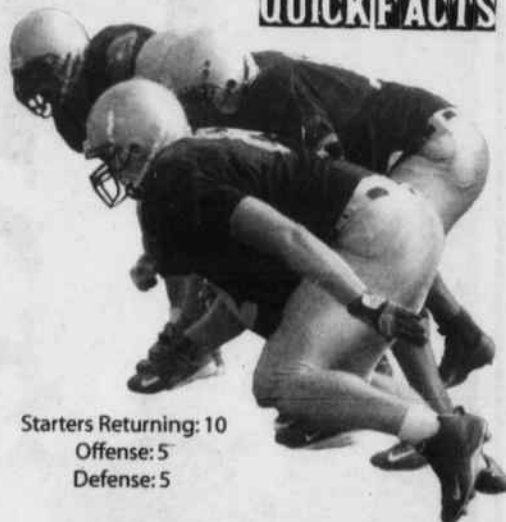
"I want a ring, because I wasn't here last year," Kenney said. "I want to do it again."

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Specialists: 2

2005 JMU OPPONENT OUTLOOK

By MEAGAN MDIALKO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

University of Delaware Coach: K.C. Keeler 2004 Record: 9-4

The Blue Hens look to become the first team in the conference to make three consecutive trips to the playoffs. They lost a double overtime game to the College of William and Mary in the NCAA quarterfinal game in 2004. They return six offensive starters including seniors David Boler and Brian Ingram who have over 100 career receptions. Senior tackle Tom Parks leads the Blue Hens' four returning defensive starters. Parks led the league with 10 sacks last season. The Blue Hens were the 2003 Division I-AA National Champions.

Hofstra University Coach: Joe Gardi 2004 Record: 5-6

The Pride return 19 starters and lost four. Among the returning offensive starters is sophomore wide receiver Charles Sullivan who set an A-10 freshman record with his average 6.18 receptions per game. In addition to Sullivan, senior wide receivers Devalle Ellis and Marques Colston return to complete a dangerous receiving trio. Returning senior linebackers Cole Haley and Gian Villante will lead Hofstra's defense. Both were All-Conference players in 2004.

University of Maine Coach: Jack Cosgrove 2004 Record: 5-6

Junior quarterback Ron Whitcomb leads the Black Bears' offense. Whitcomb had at least one touchdown pass in 21 of his 22 career starts and has 43 career touchdown passes. Returning senior linebacker Jermaine Walker was second among the Black Bears' defense last year with 98 total tackles. The University of Maine lost 11 starters.

University of Massachusetts Coach: Don Brown 2004 Record: 6-5

The University of Massachusetts returns 19 starters, including senior quarterback Tim Day and Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year Shannon James. Day passed for 2,481 yards in his first season as a starter, but also threw a league-high 17 interceptions. James, a safety, intercepted a league-high eight passes, and enters the 2005 campaign with 16 career interceptions.

University of Richmond Coach: Dave Clawson 2004 Record: 3-8

The Spiders return nine defensive starters including three defensive linemen and five players who made at least 30 stops in the previous season. Senior quarterback Stacy Tutt leads the Spiders offense that has eight returning starters. Among those starters is senior tail-

back David Freeman who finished third in the league in rushing. Senior wide receiver Harry Wilson led Richmond in 2004 with 56 receptions and 782 yards.

Towson University Coach: Gordy Combs 2004 Record: 3-8

Towson University opens their 2005 campaign returning their complete offensive line. In addition to the o-line, sophomore quarterback Andrew Goldbeck returns. He will look to junior wide-out Andrae Brown, who led the team last season with 35 receptions. Defensively, the Tigers return six starters, including sophomore defensive end John Webb, who recorded 95 tackles last season. Cornerback Allante Harrison also returns after finishing second in the league in 2004 with seven interceptions.

Villanova University Coach: Andy Talley 2004 Record: 6-5

The Wildcats finished fourth in 2004 and will look to returning junior quarterback Marvin Burroughs for offensive leadership. Wide-out J.J. Outlaw returns after leading Villanova last season with 57 receptions and seven touchdown catches. On defense, the Wildcats have two-time All-Conference First Team selection Darrell Adams, who recovered five fumbles and had 40 tackles. The Wildcats defense aver-

aged the lowest yards per carry in the A-10 in 2004.

College of William and Mary Coach: Jimmie Laycock 2004 Record: 11-3

After finishing tied for first in the South in 2004 the Tribe returns 17 starters. They will be looking to a new quarterback after Lang Campbell graduated. Campbell had 30 touchdowns in 2004 and led the Tribe to the semifinals of the NCAA championship where they lost to the eventual National Champions, JMU. He was also named the Offensive Player of the Year. Senior defensive end Adam O'Connor will anchor the Tribe defense that finished second in the Atlantic 10 with 30 sacks. Senior place kicker Greg Kuehn also returns after being named the 2004 Atlantic 10 Special Teams Player of the Year. Kuehn led the country with 19 field goals and has 46 career field goals.

Lock Haven University Coach: John Klacik 2004 Record: 3-6

First year coach John Klacik will lead the Bald Eagles in their 2005 season. Junior defensive end Brad Sones will anchor the defense. Last season he had seven tackles for a loss. Lock Haven also has a strong cornerback trio returning to complete their defense. Quarterback Rob Kristiniak will most likely take over after pre-

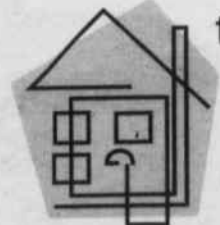
vious quarterback, Tim Storino graduated.

Coastal Carolina University Coach: David Bennett 2004 Record: 10-1

In just their third year, the Coastal Carolina University football program is looking to repeat the success they experienced last year by winning the Big South Conference Title. They were picked to defend their title and have 22 returning starters. Among those returning is running back Patrick Hall who was named the Big South Offensive Player of the Year in 2004. Tyler Thigpen will return as the starting quarterback. He threw for over 1,000 yards last season before his season-ending shoulder injury. Defensive lineman Kelvin McIver was named as the preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

Delaware State University Coach: Alton Lavan 2004 Record: 4-7

The Hornets enter their 2005 campaign with the uncertainty of who their starting quarterback will be. Senior quarterback Bryan Lotts is not returning due to personal reasons. The Hornets return wide receiver Shaheer McBride, who was the 2004 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Rookie-of-the-Year. Defensively they will look to linebackers Sam Smith and Russell Reeves, two of the best backs in the MEAC.



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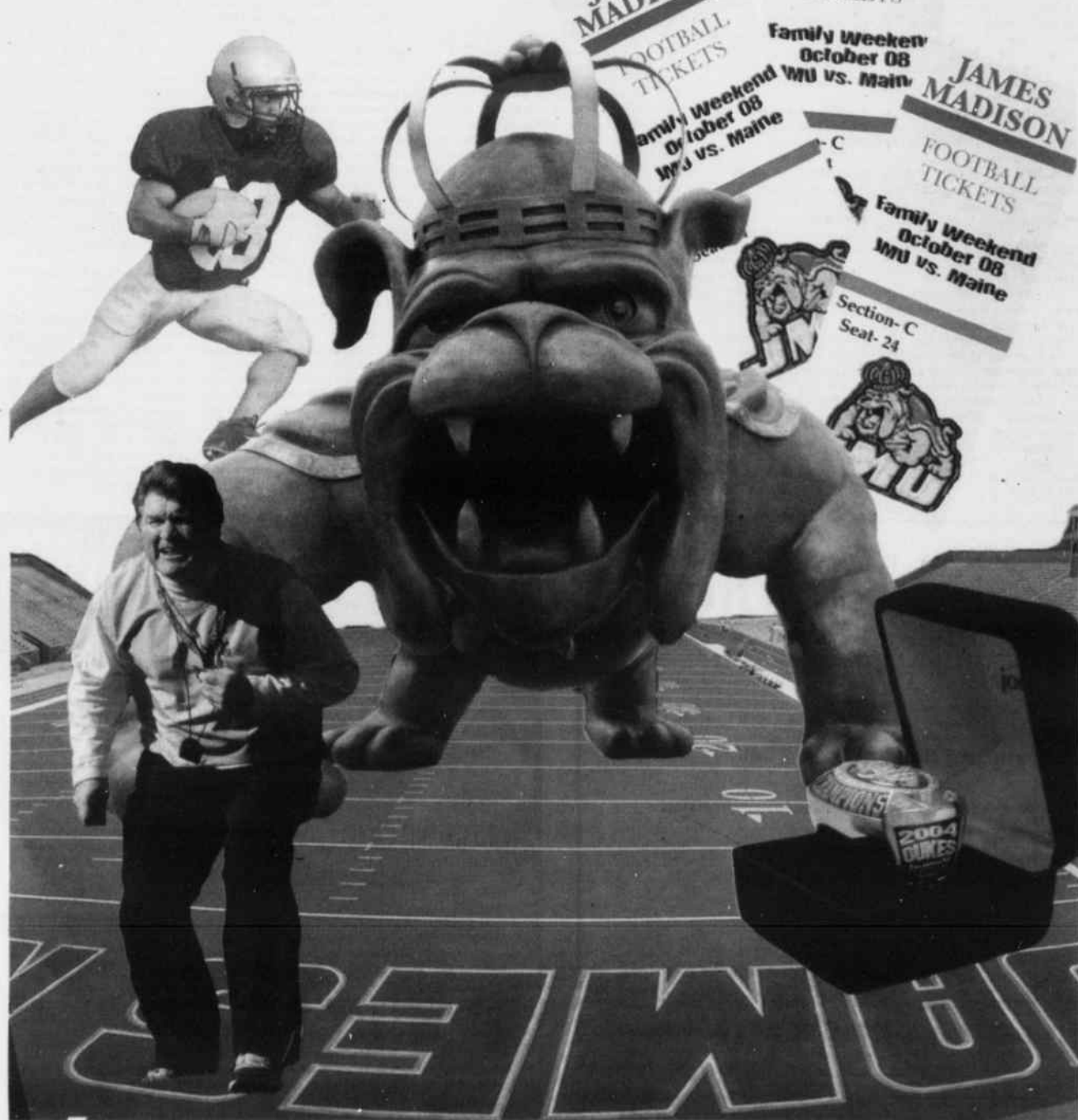
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Reigning national champion Dukes deal with life in the aftermath and the bull's-eye on their backs

STORY BY JAMES IRWIN

SENIOR WRITER

Not 20 minutes into his off-season, his clothes still drenched from the ceremonial Gatorade shower, Mickey Matthews faced the inevitable question.

JMU fans were still celebrating in the parking lot. The field lights at Max Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tenn., were still on. The victory cigar was still in its plastic wrapping, and someone already wanted to know about next season.

"Wow, you guys don't waste any time, do you?" Matthews said, laughing. "Why don't you let me enjoy this for a second?"

Despite his humor, Matthews barely basked in the championship any longer than the beat reporter who asked the question. In the current world of college football, enjoying something for a second means just that. There's no such thing as being complacent.

So a few days after Christmas, barely 10 days after winning the program's first national title, Matthews and his staff were back at work, making up for lost time. After spending four straight weeks on the road, JMU football — national championship and all — was behind in the recruiting race.

"We did not recruit a day in the month of December," Matthews said in an interview last February. "When you have home playoff games, you can go recruit on Fridays. We were on the road and there's no question that hurt us."

In the end, the national exposure outweighed the lack of time. Six weeks after lifting the championship trophy over his head, Matthews announced the signing of 25 scholarship players, the best recruiting class in his JMU coaching tenure. And with many skill position players returning, expectations — both amongst the fans and in the locker room — are higher than usual.

"We kind of have a swagger," sophomore free safety Tony LeZotte said. "It's not cockiness, but we're walking out here confident every day knowing that we've done it before and that hopefully we can achieve that goal again."

Winning also draws attention. LeZotte and his teammates quickly learned that success on the field comes at the price of losing your anonymity off it. At the beginning of the season, LeZotte wasn't even the most recognized football player in his house — that distinction went to older brother Matt, a three-year starter at quarterback. But by

the end of the season — after an estimated four million people watched JMU's three nationally televised playoff games — some were calling Tony the best defensive player in the state.

"Other people not at JMU got to see us play during the playoffs," junior quarterback Justin Rascati said. "They got to see what we can do. They got to see that I-AA football isn't much less than I-A and that we have players at that level."

Much like LeZotte, Rascati underwent a similar transformation of fame. His arrival from Louisville last summer came with minimal media attention and even less fanfare. But when Rascati completed 70 percent of his passes during JMU's playoff run and led the Dukes to a come-from-behind win against Furman in the NCAA quarterfinals, he became the face of the program's resurgence.

"You can tell by the way Harrisonburg is now, compared to before," LeZotte said. "The community is coming onto JMU football and we're packing the house during games. You're ready to go each and every Saturday because so many people want to come out and support you. It's a whole lot more exciting to play right now."

But while winning and change are intertwined in many cases, sometimes the two simply coincide. This Saturday, hours before the season opener, the university will officially unveil the Robert and Francis Plecker Athletic Performance Center, a \$10 million facility with new equipment rooms, sports medicine facilities, a strength and conditioning center and a football team locker room. It also will house team meeting rooms, a JMU Hall of Fame, an academic center and is guarded by a five-foot tall, seven-foot long, one-ton bronze Duke Dog in the courtyard in front of the main entrance.

"Coincidence is an interesting thing," JMU athletic director Jeff Bourne said in an interview last March. "We laughed along the way in the playoffs and said, 'Wouldn't it be nice to open this building and have people walk into the hall of fame area and stare at a national championship trophy?' And little did we know that's what the case will be."

But as media attention continued to build around JMU's new athletic facilities and title defense, the Dukes — amidst all the change — went through training camp with a monotonous sense

of normality. As far as the product on the field is concerned, Matthews and his players said there is no major difference between last preseason and this preseason. The goals haven't changed at all, only the circumstances surrounding them.

"Everyone around here is going to want a repeat but we can't think like that right now," Rascati said.

"There's two seasons, getting to the playoffs and then winning in the playoffs.

We have to stay focused."

But staying focused and keeping things simple won't be easy. Where JMU was once the hunter, it is now the hunted. With the new hardware came new uniforms after the Dukes inked a five-year deal with Nike. Success also brought the program into new territory. The Dukes come into the 2005 season ranked No. 6 in the country. They also are favored to win the Atlantic 10; lofty predictions that add to the desire for sustained success.

"Our goal is to get there," Matthews said, meaning the playoffs. "To put ourselves in a position to fight for it again. I think we'd be very disappointed if we didn't give ourselves that shot."

So how does Matthews plan to combat expectations that cannot be exceeded? How will he pilot his team through a season full of increased media attention and fan scrutiny? And how will the Dukes deal with the oversized bull's-eye on their backs?

Can they just ignore it?

Junior quarterback Justin Rascati



"You really have to," Matthews said. "The fact that we're defending champs won't score us one point this year. Anything we did last year is last year and we've been making our players aware of that."

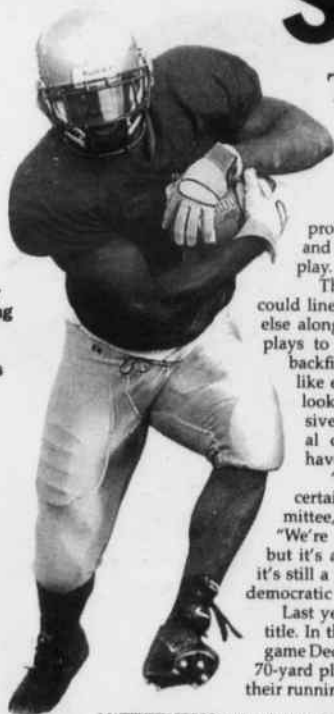
Thus far the Dukes have gotten the message. If they can block it all out, they might find themselves in Chattanooga again and Matthews might be back on the podium answering questions after another championship. Should that happen, he would satisfy all critics and meet all expectations of his team's title defense. Perhaps he'll even get to enjoy the moment.

For a second, anyway.

SEE HOW THEY RUN

Trio of running backs carries offense; line rebuilt for 2005

Junior running back Alvin Banks



By MATTHEW STOSS
SPORTS EDITOR

The JMU football team has a problem. It has three running backs and but one position for them to play.

There are other options. They could line up a surplus back somewhere else along the offense, invent ways and plays to feature multiple backs in the backfield, or they could just play one like everyone else, but any way you look at it, there are worse offensive problems a defending national champion football team could have.

"We'll see how it goes. It could certainly be running back by committee," coach Mickey Matthews said. "We're going to play the best players, but it's a great problem to have — but it's still a problem. We're not democratic, democratic coaches are fired coaches."

Last year, the Dukes ran to a national title. In the Division I-AA championship game Dec. 17, Madison put together three 70-yard plus scoring drives on the legs of their running backs and the physical dispo-

sition of its offensive line.

The junior duo of Maurice Fenner and Alvin Banks rushed for 252 yards combined on 42 carries in Chattanooga, Tenn., (including 164 for Fenner) while senior Raymond Hines — the third guy, who was the team's leading rusher — was sidelined with an injury.

Coming into the season, Hines had been third on the depth chart, but injuries to Fenner and Banks led to increased playing time.

"It's about hard work, dedication, not giving up and having faith," Hines said. "You never know what's going to happen in football, you never know what's going to happen in life."

For the season, Hines bolted for 1,038 yards on 213 touches. Fenner sniffed the 1000-yard mark with 975 on 173 and Banks, who played in nine out of JMU's 15 games due to injury still picked up 554 yards on 118 attempts — and all of them averaged around five yards per carry.

"It feels real good to have us all healthy," Fenner said. "Since we're all healthy, if one of us loses a step, the other ones are there to come in. We just want to really stay healthy and get ready for our first game."

Going into Saturday's season opener against Lock Haven University, Matthews said the depth chart in the backfield read Banks and Hines as 1A and 1B.

But this year, the Dukes lost three reasons for the trio's success: Leon Steinfeld, George Burns and Jamaal Crowder, or in other words, large men who specialized in moving people without asking.

"We just like to be a physical bunch and get in there and mix it up," senior guard Matt Magerko said.

Returning on that offensive line are starters Magerko, a 6-foot, 300-lb. senior guard who is a 2005 preseason All-Atlantic 10 selection and Corey Davis, a 6-foot 4, 340-lb. junior tackle.

To supplant the losses, Madison will look to fifth-year senior Harry Dunn — a 6-foot-7, 330-lb. tackle and Virginia Tech transfer Mike Parham, who is a 6-foot, 280-lb. junior guard that quickly earned a spot with the first team.

"It was a concern losing three starters. That's big," Banks said. "But Harry has started before and Mike Parham played a big-time school — Virginia Tech — and Anderson Braswell is a fifth-year senior, so he should be ready by now."

MATTHEW STOSS/senior photographer

Defensive Determination

Top-ranked unit returns for round two with something to prove

By ALEX SURNEY
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The JMU defense ranked as one of the best in the country last season, but this year's squad isn't sitting still at the top.

Five starters are returning from last year, and the defense has been working to replace them while injuries in practice have created opportunities for second-team players to step in.

"We haven't broken the huddle with our first-team defense yet this year," coach Mickey Matthews said Monday.

He expects the first string to play together for the first time this week.

Matthews said position competitions included linebacker, where junior Akeem Jordan and sophomore Justin Barnes have missed time. Sophomore Adam Ford is also challenging senior Leon Mizelle at the cornerback position while sophomore Nick Adams was moved from free safety to strong safety where he is challenging

sophomore Bruce Adams.

Adams isn't the only player shifting positions. Junior Isaiah Dottin-Carter moved from strong safety to linebacker.

With the shifting and injuries, the new recruits have seen more playing time. Matthews said transfer junior Phil Minafield will start at weak safety and other youngsters have been plugged in at linebacker.

"We've asked the young guys to step it up," senior cornerback Clint Kent said. "They're fitting in well. It's a big challenge. We have big shoes to fill from last year."

Some big shoes from last year remain filled. Kent, sophomore free safety Tony LeZotte, senior defensive end Isai Bradshaw, senior strong safety Bruce Johnson and senior defensive tackle Frank Cobbs are all returning.

Last year's defense was suffocating — JMU had the best rush defense in the country, allowing only 87.3 yards a game on the ground. The Dukes also finished first in the A-10 for points against, allowing

an average of 17.9 points a game.

"Our defense played really well," LeZotte said. "Hopefully we can do what we did last year."

The game plan is to do just that.

Matthews said the defense will look a lot like last year's 4-4, a scheme that includes four down linemen, two linebackers, and a weak and strong safety who act as more mobile outside linebackers.

"We're just going to get better at what we do," Matthews said. "There's a few new wrinkles on both sides of the ball, but nothing you'd recognize from the stands."

Matthews said that the defense would continue to be blitz-oriented.

LeZotte stressed fundamentals on defense.

"Tackling and not giving up big plays is the key to defense," he said.

Fundamentals include strength and conditioning — and Matthews likes the physique of his team this year.

"We're bigger and stronger

than last year," he said.

"We recruit players to run fast, then we put them in the weight room. We've made strides in the weight room this year."

The squad is going to need the strength as it makes the run to defend the championship trophy, now resting in the new Athletic Performance Center.

"Everyone's going to play their hardest against us," Kent said. "We're ready to get it started."

Sophomore free safety
Tony LeZotte

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